

Dashboards in SalesNexus

WHY THEY MATTER AND
HOW TO CREATE THEM



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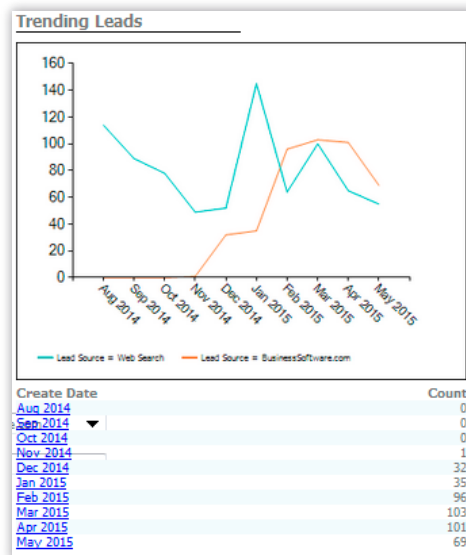
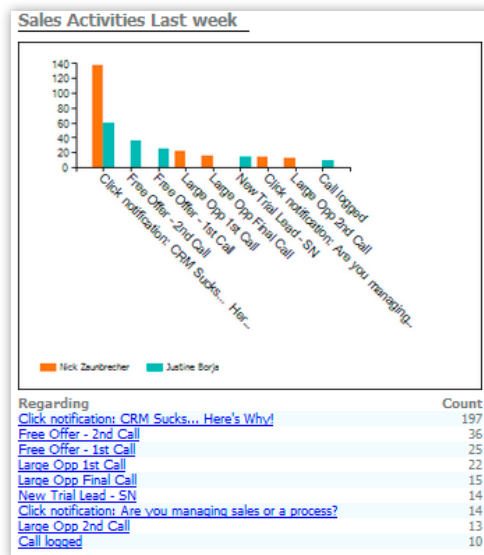
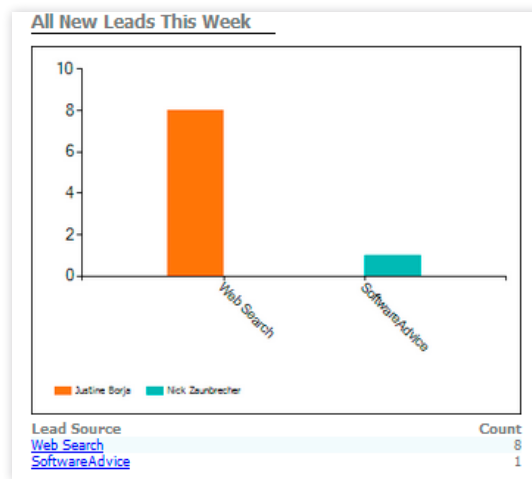
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What are dashboards?

Dashboards are a way to track how your business is doing in areas that are important to you. You can track if Sales Staff are meeting their weekly goals, where are your leads coming from each month or how much is in your pipeline for this quarter.

Samples of dashboards:

To give you an idea of what you can do, here are some sample dashboards:



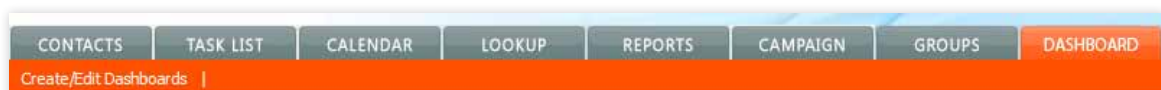
When to use dashboards

Dashboards are at the 30,000 foot level, you see one number per value. Dashboards are a snapshot in time. This allows you to see where you need to drill down into the details and exactly what you need to look at more closely. By having your sales reps see their dashboards exactly how you see them, there is no question if a goal was met. The time frame on dashboards are set to periods of time not a date range, this allows you to compare this quarter to last quarter, this moDashboards give you a 30,000 foot view on what's going on in your business and allow you to keep yourself and your team focused on the metrics that matter most. With SalesNexus, your dashboard can start at the highest level and then you can drill down to more specific information about an individual customer.

Be sure to create dashboards for your team that allow them to watch the numbers that matter most to you. Dashboards can be based on contacts, activities, notes or campaigns. Best of all, they're easy to change so, play around with them and explore to find what works best for you and your team.

To get started on Your Dashboards

Click on the dashboard tab. Then click on the Create/Edit Dashboards.



This will take you to the screen where you can see how your dashboards are set up.

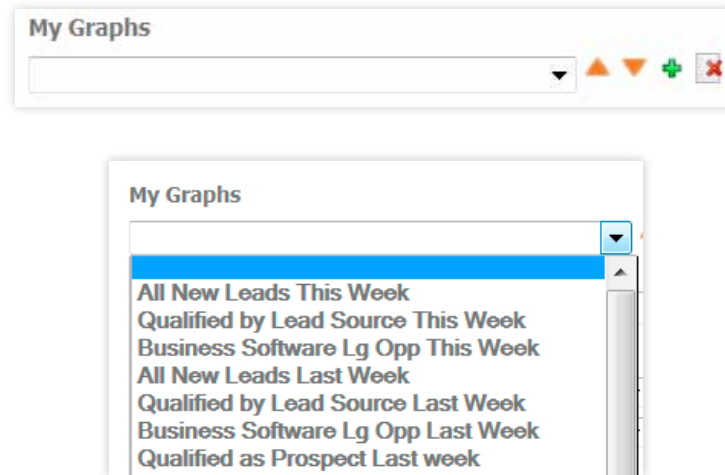
 A screenshot of the 'Dashboard | My Graphs' configuration screen. The title is 'My Graphs'. Below it is a dropdown menu showing 'All New Leads This Week' with icons for up, down, add, and delete. A '(Change Name)' link is below the dropdown. The configuration options include:

- Graph: Contacts (dropdown)
- X-Axis: Lead Source (dropdown)
- Group By: ... (dropdown)
- Limit Graph To: This Week (dropdown) on Create Date (dropdown)

 The 'Graph Type' section shows 'Multibar on selected users' (dropdown) with a note: 'This will group the data by the users selected in the list below. It is recommended that the x-axis be a date field.' At the bottom, there is a 'Users:' field with a list box containing 'Billing'.

Sections of your dashboards:

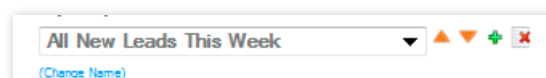
My Graphs:



The dropdown shows you the dashboards that are already created. It also gives you the control to move your dashboard to the front or back of the list. You can use the Green Plus to create a new dashboard and the Red X to delete one. You can also select an existing dashboard to make changes to it.



One of the changes can be to simply rename the dashboard, click Change Name and put in the new name



Name:

This shows you the name of an existing dashboards you have selected or you can put in a name for a new dashboard.

Graph:

These areas are found under the Graph dropdown. They correspond to the tables in your database:

- **Contact**—This is where you find information for any of the contacts fields; where you got the lead, what their status is, how many new leads does each rep have.
- **Activity**—This will tell you which reps are documenting their client touches, if contacts are not getting touches on a regular base for both closed and open tasks.
- **Notes**—This will let see just the closed tasks or sales.
- **Sales**—This gives you a pipeline of the total pending sales for a month or a quarter. You can tell which rep is bringing in the most revenue or what stage are your sales getting stuck at.
- **Campaigns**—This allows you to compare your open or click rate by subject line.
- **Logins**—This allows you to see how often a user is login into the database. If they don't login they can't help your business.

X-Axis:

For each of the areas under Graph, you get a set of Dropdown choices that allow you to pick the field you want to show on the X axis of your dashboard. The X axis will run across the base of your dashboard.

The field choices are different for each table. As we start to build dashboards we will list out the commonly used ones for each area and what it will show you.

Group By:

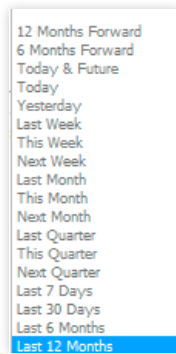
Group By: Day Week Month Quarter
 Limit Graph To: Last 12 Months on

Group by gives you the option to pick smaller ranges within a large time frame. This gives you multiple points on the graph instead of one large number.

Limit Graph To:



This is the area you pick the time frame you want to display. This is not a date range, that allows your dashboard to continue being useful without having to recreate it.



Graph Type:

This allows you to select the type of Graph you would like displayed

Graph Type
 Basic Graph
 Basic Graph
 Multibar on selected users
 Multibar on drop down list
 Trending

Basic Graph—This will display a simple bar chart—Used to show variables in the same field.

Multibar on selected users—This will group the data by the users selected in the list below. Used to compare users work on the same field. This allows you to see how they measure against each other. Each user will display in a different color so that you can see the same variable for each one.

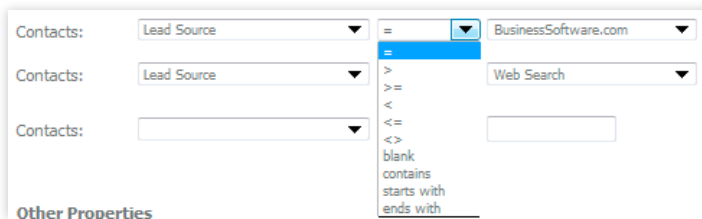
Multibar on drop-down list—This will group the data by the field values selected from the list in the dropdown. You can pick them all or just a few—Used to compare how one item in a field is measuring up to another item in the same field.

Trending—This will show a trending line for each of the two fields selected.— Use this to compare the two items over a longer period of time. By using a date for the X-Axis you get more data points to compare

Filters:

Filters will vary depending on the type of graph you pick, but the Filter for Users is always an option.

If you pick the **Contacts** as the Graph table, you will get three additional filters that can have any contact fields in them. The center drop down will contain the option of how to filter the information they are:



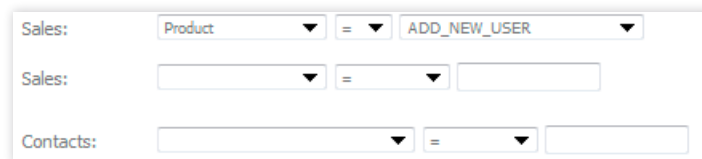
- = Must match exactly
- > Greater than
- >= Greater than or equal to
- < Less than
- <= Less than or equal to
- <> Is not Equal to
- Blank—no value in the field
- Contains—is found in any part of the field
- Starts with—Must start with the value
- Ends with—Must end with the value

If you pick a field with a dropdown option, you can pick from those options.

If you pick **Activity** as the Graph table, you get two filter lines from the activity table and one from the Contact table. The center values are exactly the same.



If you pick **Sales** as the Graph table, you get two filter lines from the Sales table and one from the Contact table. The center values are again the same.



If you pick **Campaigns** as the Graph table, you get two filter lines from the Campaign table, one from the Contact table and Opened/Clicked. The center values are again the same for the Campaign filters and the Contact filters.

The screenshot shows a filter configuration interface with four rows of controls:

- Row 1: Campaigns: [dropdown] = [dropdown] [input]
- Row 2: Campaigns: [dropdown] = [dropdown] [input]
- Row 3: Contacts: Lead Source [dropdown] = [dropdown] BusinessSoftware.com [dropdown]
- Row 4: Opened/Clicked: All [dropdown]

Other Properties:

Other properties allow you to change the order of the items on both the X and the Y axis. It also allows you to decide how many rows you want to display- up to 50.

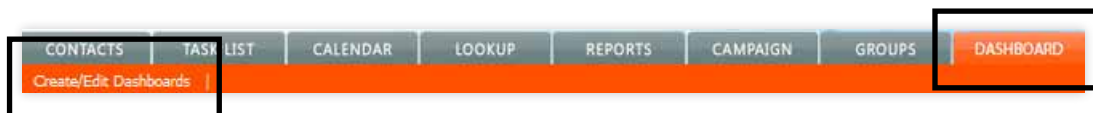
The screenshot shows the 'Other Properties' dialog box with the following settings:

- Order By: x-axis y-axis descending [dropdown]
- Only Display: First 10 rows [dropdown]
- Buttons: Save (orange), Cancel (blue)

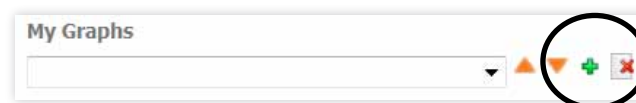
To the right, a dropdown menu is open, showing options: First 10 rows, First 5 rows, First 10 rows (highlighted), First 15 rows, First 20 rows, First 25 rows, and First 50 rows.

Let's create a graph for Last week's activities by Regarding

- 1) Click on your Dashboard tab.



- 2) Then click on the words Create/Edit Dashboard on the far left. This brings you into the section to create and edit dashboards.
- 3) Click the green plus to start a new dashboard



4) Type in a name in the name field

5) Pick Activities in Graph:

6) Pick Regarding in X-Axis:

7) Pick Last week in Limit Graph To:

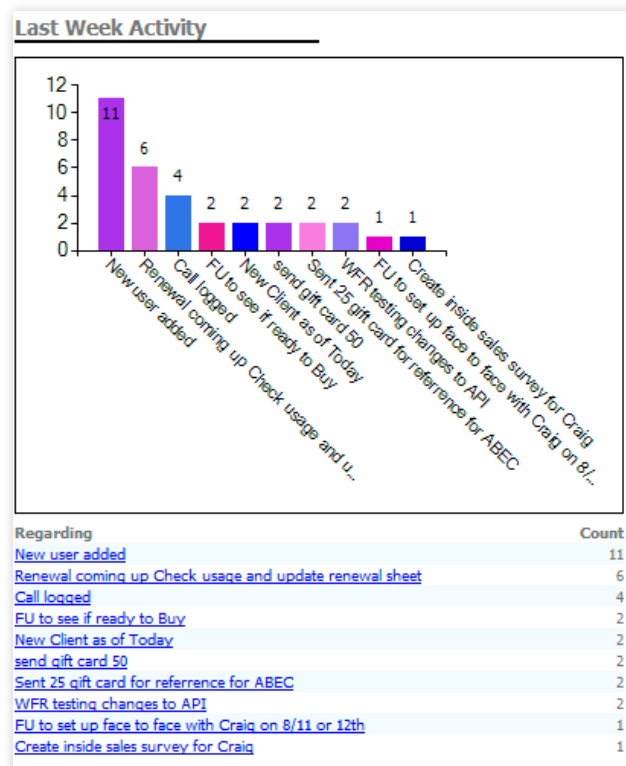
8) Pick Cleared Timestamp in the On dropdown

9) Pick Basic Graph in Graph Type:

10) For the Filter Users, click on one user you want to select. To pick multiple, highlight the first. Hold your shift key down and pick the others.

11) For the other Filters, in the first Activity select Cleared = True

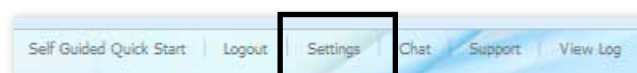
- 12) For the second Activity Filter, select Type <> Email (this will remove all emails from your graph which will make it show only the activities your staff closed.
- 13) For the Contact Filter, leave it blank
- 14) For the Cleared Filter, Make it Cleared only
- 15) Save your Dashboard. It should now display at the top and look something like this:



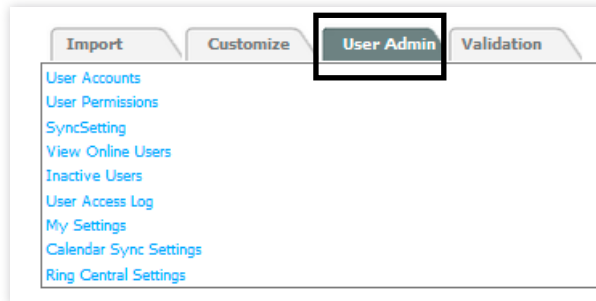
9 dashboards will display on your Dashboard page. The other dashboards are visible under the Create/Edit dashboards link.

You can make the dashboard your default home page by changing it in settings.

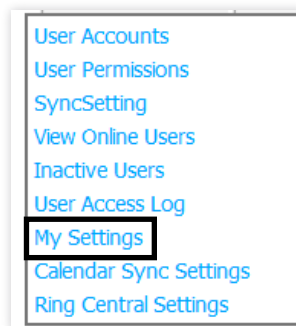
At the top of your database click on the word Settings



Click on the User Admin tab



Click on My Settings



Change Set as Default Page drop down to Dashboards

