

Employee Dashboard & Navigation Update

Overview

Created a clean, intuitive employee dashboard similar to Zoho Invoice's interface, with organized sidebar navigation that clearly separates work management from service fulfillment areas.

Changes Implemented

1. New Employee Dashboard (/dashboard)

File: components/dashboard/employee-dashboard.tsx

The employee dashboard provides a comprehensive overview with:

Quick Stats Cards (Top Row)

- **Total Leads:** Shows total count with new leads in last 7 days
- **Proposals:** Displays total proposals with draft count highlight
- **Pipeline Value:** Shows total value of active proposals with conversion rate
- **Active Sequences:** Count of running automated sequences

Lead Pipeline Overview (Main Section)

- Visual progress bar showing qualified/total leads ratio
- Breakdown cards for:
 - Total leads
 - New leads (last 7 days)
 - Contacted leads
 - Qualified leads
- Quick action buttons to view all leads and proposals

Proposals at a Glance (Side Panel)

- Draft proposals count with link
- Sent proposals count with link
- Accepted proposals count with link
- Conversion rate percentage with visual indicator

Recent Activities Feed

- Last 10 activities from Lead CRM
- Shows activity type with emoji icons
- Lead name and activity description
- Time since activity (relative time format)
- Empty state with call-to-action

2. Employee Stats API

File: app/api/dashboard/employee-stats/route.ts

Provides real-time data for the dashboard:

- **Lead metrics:** Total, new, contacted, qualified

- **Proposal metrics:** Total, draft, sent, accepted, value, conversion rate
- **Sequence metrics:** Active sequences count
- **Recent activities:** Last 10 activities with lead information
- **Role-based filtering:** Employees see only their assigned leads (admins see all)

3. Reorganized Sidebar Navigation

File: components/dashboard/dashboard-layout.tsx

The sidebar now has clear sections:

For Employees/Admins:

Work Management Section (Primary work area)

- Dashboard
- Lead CRM
- Proposals
- Sequences
- Website Audits

Service Fulfillment Section (Client deliverables)

- Projects
- Services
- AI Builder
- Analytics

Account Section (Personal settings)

- Affiliate
- Billing
- Settings

For Regular Clients:

- Simplified flat navigation (no sections)
- Only shows enabled features based on tier

4. Dashboard Page Logic

File: app/dashboard/page.tsx

Updated to show:

- **Employee Dashboard:** For admin and employee roles
- **Tier-based Dashboard:** For regular clients (free, starter, growth, etc.)

Key Features

Clean & Intuitive Design

- **Card-based layout:** Similar to Zoho Invoice
- **Color-coded metrics:** Blue (leads), purple (proposals), green (value), orange (sequences)
- **Visual indicators:** Progress bars, badges, status colors
- **Responsive design:** Works on all screen sizes

Real-time Data

- Live stats fetched from database

- Automatic refresh on page load
- Loading states and error handling

Quick Actions

- Direct links to filtered views
- “View All” buttons for each section
- Quick access to create new items

Role-based Access

- Admins see all data across the organization
- Employees see only their assigned leads
- Clients see their own service dashboard

Navigation Improvements

Clear Hierarchy

- **Section headers:** Clearly labeled groups (uppercase, gray, small text)
- **Visual separation:** Spacing between sections
- **Consistent styling:** All items follow same design pattern

Better Organization

- **Work items grouped together:** Leads, proposals, sequences in one section
- **Service delivery items grouped:** Projects, services, builder in another section
- **Account items separated:** Billing, settings, affiliate in dedicated section

Improved UX

- **Badge indicators:** “Upgrade” badges for locked features
- **Active state highlighting:** Blue background for current page
- **Disabled state:** Grayed out for unavailable features
- **Mobile responsive:** Collapsible sidebar with backdrop

Technical Implementation

Database Queries

- Efficient Promise.all() for parallel queries
- Proper status filtering (lowercase: “draft”, “sent”, etc.)
- Relation includes for lead information
- Aggregation for proposal totals

TypeScript Types

- Proper typing for navigation items
- Type-safe API responses
- Interface definitions for stats data

Performance

- Server-side data fetching
- Cached queries where appropriate

- Minimal client-side processing

Testing

- TypeScript compilation successful
- Build process completed
- Navigation renders correctly
- Dashboard displays for admin/employee roles
- Stats API returns data correctly
- Mobile responsive sidebar works

User Benefits

For Employees

1. **At-a-glance overview:** See all important metrics immediately
2. **Quick navigation:** Jump to any work area in one click
3. **Clear organization:** Know exactly where to find things
4. **Activity tracking:** See recent team activities

For Admins

1. **Team performance:** Monitor overall metrics
2. **Pipeline visibility:** Track proposals and conversions
3. **Activity monitoring:** See what the team is working on
4. **Quick insights:** Make data-driven decisions

For Regular Clients

1. **Simplified interface:** Only see what they need
2. **Focus on services:** Service fulfillment takes priority
3. **Clear upgrade paths:** See what features are available

Future Enhancements

Potential Additions

- Date range filters for metrics
- Export functionality for reports
- Notifications for important activities
- Goal tracking and progress indicators
- Team member leaderboards
- Custom dashboard widgets
- Advanced filtering options
- Performance charts and graphs

Integration Opportunities

- Email integration for sequences
- Calendar integration for meetings
- SMS integration for communications

- CRM system integrations
- Payment gateway insights

Deployment

- Deployed to: `cdmsuite.abacusai.app`
- Build: Successful
- Status: Production ready
- Checkpoint: "Employee dashboard with organized sidebar"

Conclusion

The employee dashboard provides a professional, clean interface for managing leads, proposals, and sequences. The reorganized sidebar makes it easy to distinguish between work management and service fulfillment areas, improving overall user experience and productivity.