**User Stories for CRM Project**

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Purpose**

1. As a Sales Representative, I want the CRM to automate routine tasks like contact

information updates, allowing me to focus more on strategic sales activities.

2. As a Marketing Team member, I want the CRM to facilitate real-time

collaboration on marketing campaigns, ensuring timely adjustments for optimal

results.

3. As an Administrator/Manager, I want the CRM analytics to provide actionable

insights for quick decision-making, aiding in the achievement of business

objectives.

4. As an IT Department member, I want the CRM to seamlessly integrate with our

existing systems, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity of operations.

**1.2 Scope**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to handle a large volume of customer interactions

efficiently, ensuring no data is lost or delayed.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support integrations with widely used enterprise

systems, such as ERP, to ensure a unified business process.

**2. Business Objectives**

**2.1 Core Objectives**

1. As a Sales Representative, I want the CRM to provide predictive analytics for

identifying potential sales opportunities and customer churn.

2. As a Marketing Team member, I want the CRM to integrate with popular

marketing automation tools, streamlining lead nurturing and campaign tracking.

3. As an Administrator/Manager, I want the CRM to comply with data protection

regulations like GDPR, ensuring the security and privacy of customer data.

4. As an IT Department member, I want the CRM to undergo regular security audits

and vulnerability assessments, maintaining a secure environment.

**2.2 Stakeholders**

1. As a Sales Representative, I want to actively participate in the creation of reports

that cater specifically to sales insights.

2. As a Customer Support Team member, I want the CRM to have a ticketing system

that ensures efficient handling of customer support requests.

3. As an Administrator/Manager, I want the CRM to provide role-based access

controls that align with the organization's hierarchy and security policies.

4. As an IT Department member, I want to be involved in the design of API-first

architecture, ensuring efficient data communication.

**3. Features**

**3.1 User Perspective**

**3.1.1 Contact Management**

**3.1.1.1 Add/Update Contacts**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to automatically validate and suggest corrections for contact

information to minimize errors.

2. As a User, I want customizable fields to include unique identifiers for each customer,

aiding in personalized interactions.

3. As a User, I want the ability to track the history of contact updates for audit purposes.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**User selects "Contact Management" option**

**|**

**System displays options: "Add Contact" or "Update Contact"**

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**|----(User selects "Add Contact")**

**| |**

**| V**

**| User enters contact information**

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**| V**

**| System prompts user to enter customizable fields**

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**| V**

**| User enters additional details (if any)**

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**| V**

**| System validates entered information**

**| |**

**| V**

**| System saves contact details**

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**| V**

**| System confirms successful addition of contact**

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**| V**

**| End**

**|**

**|----(User selects "Update Contact")**

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**V**

**User selects contact to update**

**|**

**V**

**System displays existing contact information**

**|**

**V**

**User updates contact details**

**|**

**V**

**System prompts user to update customizable fields**

**|**

**V**

**User updates additional details (if any)**

**|**

**V**

**System validates updated information**

**|**

**V**

**System updates contact details**

**|**

**V**

**System confirms successful update of contact**

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**V**

**End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the process for both adding and updating contacts,

including the option for users to input customizable fields for capturing specific details.

**3.1.1.2 Contact Segmentation**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide an AI-driven segmentation option for faster and

more accurate grouping.

2. As a User, I want the ability to schedule automated contact list updates based on specific

criteria.

3. As a User, I want to easily export segmented contact lists for targeted marketing

campaigns.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Choose Functionality**

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**|**

**V**

**Contact**

**Segmentation**

**|**

**V**

**Define Criteria**

**|**

**V**

**Group Contacts**

**Based on Criteria**

**|**

**V**

**Segmented**

**Contact Lists**

**|**

**V**

**Retrieve**

**Segmented**

**Contact Lists**

**|**

**V**

**End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the process for both contact segmentation and lead tracking.

Users can choose between these functionalities.

➢ For contact segmentation, users define criteria such as industry, location, or engagement

level to group contacts.

**3.1.2 Lead and Opportunity Management**

**3.1.2.1 Lead Tracking**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to automatically assign leads based on predefined criteria,

ensuring a fair distribution among sales representatives.

2. As a User, I want notifications for stalled leads, prompting timely follow-ups.

**Flow Chart**:

**Start**

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**V**

**Choose Functionality**

**|**

**V**

**Lead Tracking**

**|**

**V**

**Add New Lead**

**|**

**V**

**Assign Lead to**

**Sales Representative**

**|**

**Update Lead**

**Status**

**|**

**V**

**End**

➢ For lead tracking, users can add new leads to the system and assign them to specific

sales representatives. Additionally, users can update the status of leads as they progress

through the sales pipeline.

**3.1.2.2 Opportunity Management**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a visual representation of deal stages, aiding in

quick decision-making.

2. As a User, I want the ability to set automated reminders for key opportunity milestones.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Convert Qualified Leads into Opportunities**

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**V**

**Is Lead Qualified?**

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**V X**

**Update Lead End Process**

**Status**

**|**

**V**

**Define Deal Stages, Values, and Probabilities**

**|**

**V**

**Track Deal Progression**

**|**

**V**

**Is Deal Closed?**

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**/ \**

**V X**

**Update CRM End Process**

**Records**

**|**

**V**

**End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the process of opportunity management.

It starts by converting qualified leads into opportunities. If the lead is not qualified, the process

ends.

➢ If the lead is qualified, its status is updated, and deal stages, values, and probabilities are

defined.

➢ The flow continues to track the progression of the deal. If the deal is closed, CRM records

are updated, and the process ends.

If the deal is still ongoing, the flow continues until the deal is closed. Finally, the process ends.

**3.1.3 Communication and Collaboration**

**3.1.3.1 Email Integration**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to categorize and prioritize emails, helping me focus on critical

communications.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to provide insights into email engagement, helping me tailor

future communications.

**3.1.3.2 Team Collaboration**

1. As a User, I want collaborative spaces that include a centralized document repository for

easy access to shared resources.

2. As a User, I want automated notifications for team activities to stay informed about

ongoing collaborations.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

**|**

**V**

**Communication and Collaboration**

**|**

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**| |**

**V V**

**Email Integration Team Collaboration**

**| |**

**V V**

**Send/Receive Create Collaborative Space**

**Emails for Team**

**| |**

**V V**

**Archive Emails Share Calendar**

**and Attachments Activities**

**| |**

**V |**

**Update Customer |**

**Records |**

**| |**

**V |**

**End |**

**|**

**End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the process for communication and collaboration within the CRM

system. Users can choose between email integration and team collaboration

functionalities. For email integration, users can send and receive emails seamlessly within

the CRM system, with the option to archive emails and attachments to customer records.

➢ For team collaboration, users can create collaborative spaces for team discussions and

share calendars for scheduling team activities.

The flow ends after completing either the email integration or team collaboration process.

**3.2 Admin Perspective**

**3.2.1 User and Role Management**

**3.2.1.1 User Roles**

1. As an Administrator, I want the ability to customize role permissions to accommodate

unique job functions.

2. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to provide an audit trail for user role changes.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**User and Role Management**

**|**

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**| |**

**V V**

**User Roles Assign Roles**

**Management to Users**

**| |**

**V V**

**Define Roles Select User**

**with Permissions to Assign Role**

**| |**

**V V**

**Set Permissions Update User**

**Based on Job with Assigned Role**

**Functions |**

**| |**

**V V**

**Save Changes Confirmation**

**and Apply to of Role Assignment**

**User Roles |**

**| |**

**V V**

**End End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the process for user and role management from an admin

perspective.

➢ Admins begin by defining roles with specific permissions based on job functions.

Then, they assign these roles to users for controlled access.

➢ Admins set permissions based on the defined roles and job functions,

and once the changes are saved and applied, the process concludes with confirmation of the

role assignment. Finally, the flow ends

**3.2.1.2 User Onboarding**

1. As an Administrator, I want a user-friendly onboarding process that includes an

interactive tutorial for new users.

2. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to provide a dashboard summarizing the

onboarding progress for each user.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**User Onboarding**

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**V V**

**Create User Account Provide Training**

**and Profile Materials/Resources**

**Information for New Users**

**| |**

**V V**

**Verify User Account Access Training**

**and Profile Materials/Resources**

**Information |**

**| V**

**V End**

**Complete (User completes**

**Registration training and onboarding)**

**|**

**V**

**End**

This flowchart outlines the steps involved in the user onboarding process:

**Create User Account and Profile Information**: The process starts with creating a user account

and entering profile information.

**Verify User Account and Profile Information**: The user account and profile information are verified to ensure accuracy.

**Complete Registration**: Once verified, the user registration process is completed.

Provide Training Materials/Resources: Training materials and resources are provided to the

user for onboarding.

**Access Training Materials/Resources**: The user accesses the provided training materials and resources to familiarize themselves with the system.

**End:** The process ends once the user completes the training and onboarding process.

This flowchart guides the user through the steps of creating an account, verifying information,

accessing training materials, and completing the onboarding process.

**3.2.2 Customization and Configuration**

**3.2.2.1 Custom Fields**

1. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to provide a validation mechanism for custom

fields to maintain data integrity.

2. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to support dynamic addition and removal of

custom fields without system downtime.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Custom Fields**

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**V V**

**Add Custom Fields Set Field-level Permissions**

**to Adapt CRM to for Data Security**

**Specific Business |**

**Needs V**

**| End Process**

**V**

**End Process**

➢ This flowchart outlines the steps involved in the "Custom Fields" feature, including

adding custom fields to adapt the CRM to specific business needs and setting field-level

permissions for data security.

➢ Once the custom fields are added and permissions are set, the process ends.

**3.2.2.2 Workflow Automation**

1. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to allow the cloning of existing workflows for rapid

configuration.

2. As an Administrator, I want to receive automated alerts for workflow errors, ensuring

timely resolution.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Workflow Automation**

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**V V**

**Create Automated Define Triggers**

**Workflows and Actions**

**for Common for Each Workflow**

**Processes |**

**| V**

**V End Process**

**End Process**

➢ This flowchart outlines the steps involved in the "Workflow Automation" feature.

Administrators can create automated workflows for common processes, defining triggers

and actions for each workflow.

➢ Once the workflows are created and triggers and actions are defined, the process ends.

**3.2.3 Analytics and Reporting**

**3.2.3.1 Pre-built Reports**

1. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to include pre-built reports that cater to different

managerial levels, ensuring relevant insights.

2. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to offer a report scheduler for automatic generation

and distribution.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Analytics and Reporting**

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**V V**

**Data Collection Generate Reports**

**and Analysis and Dashboards**

**| |**

**V V**

**Identify Key Customize Reports**

**Performance and Dashboards**

**Indicators |**

**| V**

**V End**

**Interpret Data (Users review and**

**and Gain analyze generated reports)**

**Insights**

**|**

**V**

**End**

This flowchart outlines the steps involved in the analytics and reporting process:

➢ Data Collection and Analysis: The process starts with collecting relevant data from

various sources and analyzing it to identify

key performance indicators (KPIs).

➢ Generate Reports and Dashboards: Based on the analyzed data, reports and dashboards

are generated to visualize the KPIs and provide insights.

➢ Customize Reports and Dashboards: Users have the option to customize reports and

dashboards according to their specific needs and preferences.

➢ Interpret Data and Gain Insights: Users interpret the data presented in the reports and

dashboards to gain insights into

business performance and make informed decisions.

End: The process ends once users have reviewed and analyzed the generated reports and

dashboards.

This flowchart provides a high-level overview of the analytics and reporting process,

from data collection and analysis to interpretation and decision-making.

**3.2.3.2 Data Export**

1. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to support direct integration with popular external

analytics tools.

2. As an Administrator, I want the CRM to provide a log of all data exports for compliance

purposes.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Data Export**

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**V V**

**Select Export Format Schedule Export**

**(CSV, Excel, etc.) Frequency**

**| |**

**V V**

**Export Data Automate Export**

**| Process**

**V |**

**End End**

This flowchart outlines the steps involved in the data export process:

➢ Select Export Format: Administrators select the desired export format (CSV, Excel, etc.)

for the data.

➢ Export Data: The system exports the data in the selected format.

➢ Schedule Export Frequency: Administrators schedule the frequency of data exports for

regular reporting purposes.

➢ Automate Export Process: The system automates the data export process based on the

scheduled frequency.

➢ End: The process ends once the data export has been completed.

➢ This flowchart demonstrates how administrators can export data in various formats and

schedule automated exports for

regular reporting purposes in the CRM system.

**3.3 Additional Details**

**3.3.1 Integration with External Systems**

**3.3.1.1 ERP Integration**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide real-time synchronization with ERP systems to

reflect the latest customer and financial information.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support seamless data migration from legacy ERP systems

during integration.

**3.3.1.2 Marketing Automation Integration**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a centralized dashboard for monitoring marketing

automation tool integrations.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support bi-directional syncing of customer interactions with

marketing automation tools.

**3.3.1.3 Communication Channels**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide analytics on the effectiveness of communication

channels, aiding in strategy refinement.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support automated categorization of social media interactions

for streamlined tracking.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Integration with External Systems**

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**V V**

**ERP Integration Marketing Automation Integration**

**| |**

**V |**

**Data Synchronization Syncing Customer Interactions**

**for Customer for Lead Nurturing**

**and Financial Info and Campaign Tracking**

**| |**

**V |**

**End End**

**Start**

**|**

**V**

**Communication Channels Integration**

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**V V**

**Integration with Capture and Store**

**Multiple Channels Customer Communications**

**(Email, Chat, etc.) within the CRM**

**| |**

**V |**

**End End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the integration process with external systems, including ERP

integration, marketing automation integration, and communication channels integration:

➢ ERP Integration: The system seamlessly integrates with ERP systems for unified business

processes, including data synchronization for customer and financial information.

➢ Marketing Automation Integration: The system integrates with popular marketing

automation tools for lead nurturing and campaign tracking, syncing customer

interactions for comprehensive insights.

➢ Communication Channels Integration: The system integrates with multiple

communication channels (such as email, chat, social media) for centralized customer

interactions, capturing and storing customer communications within the CRM.

This flowchart demonstrates how the CRM system integrates with various external systems to

streamline business processes and enhance customer interactions.

**3.3.2 Customer Support Features**

**3.3.2.1 Ticketing System**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to automatically prioritize tickets based on customer

engagement history.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a ticket resolution timeline for performance

evaluation.

**3.3.2.2 Knowledge Base**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to automatically suggest relevant knowledge base articles

based on the customer query.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to include a feedback mechanism for knowledge base articles

to enhance accuracy.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**V**

**Ticketing System**

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**V V**

**Integration with Implementation of**

**Contact and Knowledge Base**

**Interaction History for Customer Self-Service**

**for Context- |**

**Aware Support V**

**| Integration with CRM**

**V for Quick Access to**

**End Process Customer Information**

➢ This flowchart illustrates the integration of the ticketing system with the CRM's contact

and interaction history, enabling context-aware support.

➢ Additionally, it shows the implementation of a knowledge base for customer self -service,

integrated with the CRM for quick access to customer information while resolving issues.

Once the ticketing system and knowledge base are integrated and implemented,

the process ends.

**3.3.3 AI and Machine Learning Capabilities**

**3.3.3.1 Predictive Analytics**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a dashboard summarizing predictive analytics

outcomes for quick decision-making.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to continuously learn from user interactions, improving the

accuracy of predictive analytics.

**3.3.3.2 Intelligent Automation**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide an intelligent automation dashboard for

monitoring and managing automated tasks.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to allow customization of automation rules for specific

business scenarios.

**Flow Chart:**

**Start**

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**AI and Machine Learning Capabilities**

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**V V**

**Predictive Analytics Intelligent Automation**

**to Identify Sales Opportunities for Routine Tasks**

**and Customer Churn and Manual Effort Reduction**

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**| V**

**Analyze Historical Data Automate Data Entry,**

**and Customer Interactions Lead Scoring, and**

**| Follow-Up Reminders**

**V |**

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**End End**

➢ This flowchart outlines the AI and machine learning capabilities within the CRM system:

➢ Predictive Analytics: The system utilizes predictive analytics to analyze historical data and

customer interactions, identifying potential sales opportunities and customer churn.

➢ Intelligent Automation: The system incorporates intelligent automation for routine tasks,

reducing manual efforts. This includes automating data entry, lead scoring, and followup reminders.

This flowchart demonstrates how the CRM system leverages AI and machine learning

capabilities to enhance sales processes and improve efficiency.

**4. Non-Functional Requirements**

**4.1 Performance**

**4.1.1 System Response Time**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide real-time monitoring of system response time for

critical functions.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to generate automated alerts for prolonged system response

times.

**4.1.2 Scalability**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide an automated scaling option based on user activity

spikes.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support load balancing for efficient distribution of user

activities.

**4.2 Security**

**4.2.1 Data** **Encryption**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a security dashboard summarizing data encryption

status.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to log all data access attempts for audit purposes.

**4.2.2 Compliance**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a compliance report detailing adherence to data

protection regulations.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to generate automated alerts for potential compliance

breaches.

**4.3 Usability**

**4.3.1 Intuitive Interface**

**1. As a User, I want the** CRM to include a user feedback mechanism for interface

improvements.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support personalization of the user interface based on

individual preferences.

**4.3.2 Mobile Responsiveness**

1. As a User, I want the CRM to provide a mobile app with offline functionality for fieldwork.

2. As a User, I want the CRM to support push notifications for mobile users.

**5.User Acceptance Criteria& INVEST:**

**5.1 User Perspective**

**5.1.1 Contact Management**

**5.1.1.1 Add/Update Contacts User-Friendly Interface:**

Implement a user-friendly interface for adding and updating customer contact information.

Ensure ease of use with clear options and input validation for accurate data entry.

**Customizable Fields:**

Provide customizable fields to capture specific details relevant to the user's business needs.

Include default fields like name, phone, and email, along with the ability to add additional user-defined fields.

**Real-time Validation:**

Enable real-time validation to minimize errors, suggesting corrections as needed during the contact information entry/update process.

**5.1.1.2 Contact Segmentation:**

**AI-Driven Segmentation:**

Implement AI-driven segmentation to automatically categorize contacts based on industry, location, or engagement level.

Ensure the system adapts and learns from user interactions to improve segmentation accuracy over time.

**Custom Criteria:**

Allow users to define custom segmentation criteria based on specific fields.

Support a variety of conditions, including AND/OR logic, for flexible and customized contact segmentation.

**INVEST:**

**5.1.1.1 Add/Update Contacts:**

**Independent:**

This user story is independent as it focuses on the standalone functionality of adding and updating contacts without relying on other features.

**Negotiable:**

It is negotiable, allowing for discussions on specific details such as the user interface and the extent of customization based on user needs.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances user experience by providing an intuitive interface for adding/updating contacts and offering customization to capture specific details.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate the effort required to implement the user interface, validation, and customizable fields.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery of contact management features.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for the user interface, real-time validation, and customizable fields, ensuring the functionality works as intended.

**5.1.1.2 Contact Segmentation:**

**Independent:**

Independent, as it deals with the separate functionality of contact segmentation without relying on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on AI-driven segmentation, custom criteria, and efficient retrieval of segmented contact lists.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it introduces a feature that automates contact categorization and provides customization for tailored segmentation.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate the effort required for AI integration, custom criteria implementation, and efficient data retrieval.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, promoting incremental development and continuous delivery of segmentation functionality.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for AI-driven segmentation, custom criteria, and efficient retrieval, ensuring accurate and reliable contact segmentation.

**3.1.2 Lead and Opportunity Management**

**3.1.2.1 Lead Tracking**

**User-Friendly Interface:**

Develop a user-friendly interface for adding and tracking leads through the sales pipeline.

Ensure ease of assigning leads to specific sales representatives with intuitive controls.

**Lead Assignment Functionality:**

Implement functionality allowing leads to be assigned to specific sales representatives, ensuring effective distribution of workload.

**Real-time Tracking:**

Provide real-time tracking features to monitor the progress of leads through the sales pipeline, enabling timely actions.

**5.1.2.2 Opportunity Management:**

**Conversion Workflow:**

Create a seamless workflow for converting qualified leads into opportunities.

Enable users to easily initiate the conversion process with clear steps.

**Detailed Opportunity Tracking:**

Implement a system to track deal stages, values, and probabilities for each opportunity. Ensure users have a comprehensive view of each opportunity's status and potential value.

**Integration with Lead Tracking:**

Integrate opportunity management with lead tracking, allowing for a smooth transition from leads to opportunities.

**INVEST :**

**5.1.2.1 Lead Tracking:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on lead tracking without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the interface, lead assignment, and tracking features.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances sales management by providing an efficient system for tracking and assigning leads.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for the interface, lead assignment, and real-time tracking.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable**:

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for the interface, lead assignment, and real-time tracking, ensuring functionality meets expectations.

**5.1.2.2 Opportunity Management:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on opportunity management without relying on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on conversion workflows, detailed tracking, and integration with lead tracking.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it introduces features that streamline the conversion of leads into opportunities and provide detailed tracking.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for conversion workflows, detailed tracking, and integration.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for conversion workflows, detailed tracking, and integration, ensuring accurate and reliable opportunity management.

**5.1.3 Communication and Collaboration**

**5.1.3.1 Email Integration:**

**Seamless Email Integration:**

Ensure seamless integration with email systems for efficient tracking of communications within the CRM.

Emails should be automatically linked to relevant customer records.

**Archive Functionality:**

Implement an archive feature that allows users to store both emails and their attachments directly to customer records.

Ensure ease of retrieval for future reference.

**Real-time Communication Tracking:**

Provide real-time tracking of email communications, enabling users to see the latest interactions with customers.

**5.1.3.2 Team Collaboration:**

**Collaborative Spaces:**

Create collaborative spaces within the CRM for teams to discuss and share information about customer interactions.

Include features for threaded discussions and file sharing.

**Shared Calendars:**

Implement shared calendars to facilitate team scheduling and coordination of activities related to customer interactions.

Ensure the calendar is accessible and updatable by all team members.

**Notification System:**

Integrate a notification system within collaborative spaces to alert team members of updates or new discussions, enhancing communication efficiency.

**INVEST:**

**5.1.3.1 Email Integration:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on email integration without being dependent on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the level of integration, archiving functionality, and real-time tracking.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances communication efficiency by integrating emails seamlessly and providing a centralized archive.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for integration, archiving, and real-time tracking.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for integration, archiving, and real-time tracking, ensuring functionality meets expectations.

**5.1.3.2 Team Collaboration:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on team collaboration without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on collaborative space features, shared calendars, and notification systems.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it introduces features that enhance team collaboration and coordination in customer interactions.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for collaborative spaces, shared calendars, and notification systems.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for collaborative spaces, shared calendars, and notification systems, ensuring accurate and reliable team collaboration.

**5.2.1 User and Role Management**

**5.2.1.1 User Roles:**

**Role Definition:**

Define distinct roles within the CRM, specifying permissions based on job functions.

Clearly outline the access and actions associated with each role.

**Role Assignment:**

Enable administrators to assign roles to users, ensuring controlled access aligned with their responsibilities.

Implement an intuitive interface for role assignment.

**Permission Control:**

Ensure robust permission control mechanisms, allowing administrators to customize and adjust permissions for each role as needed.

**5.2.1.2 User Onboarding:**

**User-Friendly Onboarding:**

Develop a user-friendly onboarding process, facilitating easy user account creation and setup within the CRM.

Minimize complexity to encourage a smooth onboarding experience.

**Training Resources:**

Provide comprehensive training materials and resources for users during onboarding.

Include tutorials, guides, and FAQs to assist users in understanding CRM features and functionalities.

**Feedback Mechanism:**

Implement a feedback mechanism to gather insights from users during the onboarding process, ensuring continuous improvement.

**INVEST :**

**5.2.1.1 User Roles:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on role definition and assignment without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the granularity of roles, role assignments, and permission controls.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances system security and user management by providing controlled access based on defined roles.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for role definition, assignment, and permission controls.

**Small:**

mall enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for role definition, assignment, and permission controls, ensuring accurate role management.

**5.2.1.2 User Onboarding:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on user onboarding without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the onboarding process, training resources, and feedback mechanisms.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it ensures a smooth introduction to the CRM for new users, reducing the learning curve and maximizing user efficiency.

**Estimable**:

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for user-friendly onboarding, training resource development, and feedback mechanisms.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for user onboarding, training resources, and feedback mechanisms, ensuring a positive onboarding experience.

**5.2.2 Customization and Configuration**

**5.2.2.1 Custom Fields:**

**Customization Interface:**

Develop a user-friendly interface that allows administrators to add custom fields easily.

Ensure clarity and simplicity in the process of adapting the CRM to specific business needs.

**Field-Level Permissions**:

Implement field-level permissions to ensure data security.

Allow administrators to control access to custom fields based on user roles.

**Dynamic Field Types:**

Provide flexibility in defining various field types (text, date, dropdown, etc.) for custom fields to accommodate diverse data requirements.

**5.2.2.2 Workflow Automation:**

**User-Friendly Workflow Creation:**

Create a user-friendly interface for administrators to easily set up automated workflows.

Minimize complexity in the workflow creation process.

**Trigger Definition:**

Allow administrators to define triggers for workflow initiation, such as specific events or conditions.

Ensure a wide range of triggers to cover common processes.

**Action Configuration:**

Enable administrators to define actions for each workflow, specifying what should happen when the workflow is triggered.

Support a variety of actions, including updates, notifications, and task assignments.

**INVEST:**

**5.2.2.1 Custom Fields:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on custom field implementation without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the customization interface, field-level permissions, and dynamic field types.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances CRM adaptability by allowing administrators to tailor the system to specific business needs.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for the customization interface, field-level permissions, and dynamic field types.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for the customization interface, field-level permissions, and dynamic field types, ensuring accurate customization.

**5.2.2.2 Workflow Automation:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on workflow automation without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the workflow creation interface, trigger definition, and action configuration.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it streamlines common processes by automating workflows, improving efficiency and reducing manual efforts.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for the workflow creation interface, trigger definition, and action configuration.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for the workflow creation interface, trigger definition, and action configuration, ensuring accurate and reliable workflow automation.

**5.2.3 Analytics and Reporting**

**5.2.3.1 Pre-built Reports:**

**Report Variety:**

Offer a range of pre-built reports catering to sales, marketing, and customer support.

Ensure that each report provides valuable insights relevant to its domain.

**Customizable Dashboards:**

Implement customizable dashboards allowing users to arrange and display reports for real-time insights.

Enable drag-and-drop functionality for easy dashboard customization.

**Real-time Data:**

Ensure that pre-built reports and dashboards reflect real-time data, providing users with up-to-date information.

**5.2.3.2 Data Export:**

**Export Formats:**

Allow administrators to export data in various formats such as CSV and Excel, catering to different external analysis needs.

Ensure compatibility with common data analysis tools.

**Automated Exports:**

Implement a scheduling mechanism for automated exports, enabling regular and timely reporting.

Provide flexibility in defining export schedules based on user preferences.

**Data Integrity:**

Ensure the integrity of exported data, maintaining consistency with the CRM database.

Include error-checking mechanisms to validate exported data.

**INVEST :**

**5.2.3.1 Pre-built Reports:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on pre-built reports and customizable dashboards without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the variety of reports, dashboard customization, and real-time data updates.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it provides users with actionable insights through pre-built reports and real-time customizable dashboards.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for report variety, dashboard customization, and real-time data updates.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:** Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for report variety, dashboard customization, and real-time data updates, ensuring accurate and reliable analytics and reporting.

**5.2.3.2 Data Export:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on data export without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on export formats, automated exports, and data integrity.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances data accessibility by allowing administrators to export data for external analysis.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for export formats, automated exports, and data integrity.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for export formats, automated exports, and data integrity, ensuring accurate and reliable data export functionality.

**5.3. Additional Details**

**5.3.1 Integration with External Systems**

**5.3.1.1 ERP Integration:**

**Unified Business Processes:**

Ensure seamless integration with Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems to unify business processes.

Enable the exchange of crucial customer and financial information between the CRM and ERP systems.

**Data Synchronization:**

Implement robust data synchronization mechanisms to keep customer and financial information consistently updated between the CRM and ERP.

**Error Handling:**

Include error handling mechanisms to identify and resolve issues that may arise during data synchronization.

Provide clear notifications for administrators in case of synchronization failures.

**5.3.1.2 Marketing Automation Integration:**

**Lead Nurturing:**

Integrate with popular marketing automation tools to facilitate lead nurturing processes within the CRM.

Ensure seamless transfer of leads from marketing automation to the CRM.

**Campaign Tracking:**

Enable integration for comprehensive campaign tracking, ensuring that marketing activities and their impact are accurately recorded within the CRM.

**Customer Interaction Syncing:**

Implement synchronization of customer interactions between the CRM and marketing automation tools.

Ensure a holistic view of customer engagement by capturing all relevant data.

**5.3.1.3 Communication Channels:**

**Integration with Multiple Channels:**

Integrate the CRM with various communication channels such as email, chat, and social media for centralized customer interactions.

Ensure a unified platform for managing and responding to customer communications.

**Capture and Store Functionality:**

Implement a feature that captures and stores customer communications within the CRM.

Ensure that interactions from different channels are consolidated for a comprehensive customer communication history.

**Real-time Updates:**

Provide real-time updates for customer interactions, allowing users to stay informed about the latest communications.

Ensure timely notifications for new messages or interactions.

**INVEST :**

**5.3.1.1 ERP Integration:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on ERP integration without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the depth of integration, data synchronization, and error handling.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it streamlines business processes by unifying customer and financial information between the CRM and ERP systems.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for integration depth, data synchronization, and error handling.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for integration depth, data synchronization, and error handling, ensuring accurate and reliable ERP integration.

**5.3.1.2 Marketing Automation Integration:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on marketing automation integration without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on lead nurturing, campaign tracking, and customer interaction syncing.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances lead management and campaign tracking by integrating with marketing automation tools.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for lead nurturing, campaign tracking, and customer interaction syncing.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for lead nurturing, campaign tracking, and customer interaction syncing, ensuring accurate and reliable marketing automation integration.

**5.3.1.3 Communication Channels:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on communication channel integration without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the number of channels, capture and store functionality, and real-time updates.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it centralizes customer interactions and communication management within the CRM.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for integration with multiple channels, capture and store functionality, and real-time updates.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for integration with multiple channels, capture and store functionality, and real-time updates, ensuring accurate and reliable communication channel integration.

**5.3.2 Customer Support Features**

**5.3.2.1 Ticketing System:**

**Comprehensive Ticketing System**:

Implement a comprehensive ticketing system for managing customer support requests within the CRM.

Ensure functionalities for ticket creation, assignment, status tracking, and resolution.

**Integration with Customer Data:**

Integrate the ticketing system with contact and interaction history within the CRM.

Provide context-aware support by offering agents access to relevant customer information while handling tickets.

**Notification Mechanism:**

Include a notification mechanism to alert support agents and relevant stakeholders about new tickets, updates, and critical issues.

Ensure timely responses and actions based on ticket status changes.

**5.3.2.2 Knowledge Base:**

**Customer Self-Service:**

Implement a knowledge base within the CRM to empower customers with self-service capabilities.

Allow customers to access articles, FAQs, and guides for common issue resolutions.

**CRM Integration for Quick Access:**

Integrate the knowledge base with the CRM, enabling support agents to quickly access relevant information while resolving customer issues.

Ensure seamless navigation between the knowledge base and customer records.

**Search and Tagging Functionality:**

Include robust search functionality within the knowledge base for quick and accurate information retrieval.

Implement tagging mechanisms to categorize and organize knowledge base articles for efficient referencing.

**INVEST:**

**5.3.2.1 Ticketing System:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on the ticketing system without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the depth of the ticketing system, integration with customer data, and notification mechanisms.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances customer support by providing a structured and context-aware system for managing support requests.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for the ticketing system, integration, and notification mechanisms.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for the ticketing system, integration, and notification mechanisms, ensuring accurate and reliable customer support features.

**5.3.2.2 Knowledge Base:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on the knowledge base without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:** Negotiable, allowing for discussions on self-service capabilities, CRM integration, and search/tagging functionality.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it empowers customers with self-service options and provides support agents with quick access to relevant information.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for self-service capabilities, CRM integration, and search/tagging functionality.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for self-service capabilities, CRM integration, and search/tagging functionality, ensuring accurate and reliable customer support features.

**5.3.3 AI and Machine Learning Capabilities**

**5.3.3.1 Predictive Analytics:**

**Implementation of Predictive Analytics:**

Implement predictive analytics within the CRM to identify potential sales opportunities and predict customer churn.

Utilize machine learning algorithms to analyze historical data and generate accurate predictions.

**User-Friendly Interface:**

Design a user-friendly interface for users to interact with and interpret the results of predictive analytics.

Provide clear visualizations and insights derived from the predictive models.

**Feedback Loop:**

Establish a feedback loop to continuously improve predictive models based on the accuracy of predictions and real-world outcomes.

Incorporate user feedback to enhance the relevance and effectiveness of predictive analytics.

**5.3.3.2 Intelligent Automation:**

**Incorporation of Intelligent Automation:**

Incorporate intelligent automation features within the CRM to automate routine tasks and reduce manual efforts.

Target tasks such as data entry, lead scoring, and follow-up reminders for automation.

**Customization of Automation Rules:**

Provide administrators with the ability to customize automation rules based on specific business processes and requirements.

Ensure flexibility in defining automation triggers and actions.

**Monitoring and Alerts:**

Implement monitoring mechanisms to track the performance of intelligent automation.

Integrate alert systems to notify administrators of any issues or anomalies in the automation process.

**INVEST:**

**5.3.3.1 Predictive Analytics:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on predictive analytics without reliance on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the depth of predictive analytics, user interface design, and the feedback loop.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it enhances decision-making by providing insights into potential sales opportunities and customer churn.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for predictive analytics, user interface design, and feedback loop implementation.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and quick delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for predictive analytics, user interface design, and feedback loop, ensuring accurate and reliable AI and machine learning capabilities.

**5.3.3.2 Intelligent Automation:**

**Independent:**

Independent, focusing on intelligent automation without dependency on other features.

**Negotiable:**

Negotiable, allowing for discussions on the depth of automation, customization of rules, and monitoring/alert mechanisms.

**Valuable:**

Valuable, as it improves operational efficiency by automating routine tasks and reducing manual efforts.

**Estimable:**

Estimable, as the development team can estimate effort for intelligent automation, rule customization, and monitoring/alert mechanisms.

**Small:**

Small enough to be completed within a single sprint, ensuring incremental development and continuous delivery.

**Testable:**

Testable, with clear acceptance criteria for intelligent automation, rule customization, and monitoring/alert mechanisms, ensuring accurate and reliable AI and machine learning capabilities.