Zoho CRM

Getting Started

Guidelines for Beginners
Getting Started on Zoho CRM

Welcome to Zoho CRM, an On-demand Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software for managing your customer relations in a better way.

Zoho CRM software helps streamline your organization-wide sales, marketing, customer support, and inventory management functions in a single system.

This guide is a simple overview, designed to help you get started. CRM software is extensive, so we will not try to cover it all in this document! We have an extensive online Zoho CRM User Guide for this purpose, which you can refer to at any time should you wish to utilize a support package.

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Definition

CRM – Customer Relationship Management

Target Audience

• Sales Reps, Managers and Executives
• Lead Managers, Event Managers and Marketing Managers
• Customer Support Agents, Support Managers and Executives
• Accounting Managers and Stock Handlers
• Business Managers, Executives and Top Management
• CRM System Integrators

Zoho CRM Modules

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## Glossary Terms & Functions

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<td>Refers to goods or services sold or procured by any organization.</td>
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<td><strong>Purchase Order</strong></td>
<td>This refers to a legally bound order-placing document for procuring products or services from vendors.</td>
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<td><strong>Sales Order</strong></td>
<td>Confirmation of sales generated after the customer sends a purchase order based on your quotes.</td>
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<td>Refers to a bill issued by the vendor to the customers along with the goods/services with the purpose of procuring payments.</td>
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<td><strong>Calendar</strong></td>
<td>Allows to track / record daily activities pertaining to different modules within business operations.</td>
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Logging In

When your user account is first activated you will receive an email as shown below.

Login [http://crm.zoho.com](http://crm.zoho.com)

Enter your **email address** and **password** to login.

Navigating the Home Page

When you login you will see you CRM home page.

This gives you a snapshot in to your key items for the day/week (customizable).

If Mangoho have done a free Zoho CRM setup for you then your business logo and business name will already be visible on the Home page.

Click the interactive tabs and hyperlinks see individual records – for example:

- Click the subject of a meeting to see the meeting details
- Click the contact name to see the contact details
- Click the prospect name to see the sale

This is known as an object oriented database, all objects are linked to something. Let’s use an imaginary company who have just created their CRM.

On the following page you can see their Home Page.

This is the screen the users will see when they first login to the system.

**TIP:**

Customise the Home Page to match your business needs and the needs of your staff, to make your business more efficient.

The Home Page, as with most other screens in Zoho CRM, can be customized to match your needs, for example:

If you want staff to be task oriented, we would suggest moving the ‘Upcoming Tasks’ and ‘Tasks for Next 7 Days’ blocks to the top of the screen.

If you want staff to be focused on the sales in hand, then you may wish to move the ‘Open Sales Opportunities’ or ‘Sales Closing This Month’ blocks to the top and Tasks below.

And so on... There are endless possibilities.
Change the layout of your home screen by dragging elements to a new position.

**Tabs**

Use the tabs to access the different elements of the CRM.

**Leads**

Sales leads, unqualified, which have been entered into the CRM to convert into sales.

**Accounts**

Prospects (qualified leads), Partners, Competitors, Customers – any company you are involved with.

**Contacts**

People belonging to the account

**Potentials**

Potential sales – these will have several stages (customizable), from prospecting to closed won or lost. There will be many sales activities, notes, documents etc belonging to the potentials. See "Tips and Hints for Sales", below.
**Campaigns**
These refer to your business marketing campaigns. These can be online (pay per click search engine marketing or email marketing) or offline (adverts, radio commercials, magazine adverts etc). Leads and potentials can be assigned to these campaigns to assess your marketing ROI.

**Reports**
Your reports – many types of reports are included and many more can be tailor made according to your business requirements

**Dashboards**
These give you a snapshot into the status of leads, potentials, sales activities, etc.

Change the type of dashboard you want to see using the drop down, see next page.

Like other elements, the dashboard graphics are interactive, click the relevant area to display the information.
For example, you want to filter all potentials in the Negotiation stage, click the blue Negotiation section:

The information is displayed in report format:

**Quotations**

Shows you quotations, you can filter by the 'View':

Views are filters, customizable according to your business requirements. Mangoho can create any number of filters you need should you wish to proceed with an implementation project.
Activities
Know what your team is doing each day. Use the various filter criteria to drill down, click an event to see details.

Cases
Customer support requests, questions, internal problems. Staff can log and track all company issues, internal and external.

You can change the name of this and all other tabs to match your business needs, as you can see in this example we have renamed ‘Cases’ to ‘Incident Tracking’:

TIP:
Need a more robust customer HelpDesk solution? Why not integrate Zoho Support with Zoho CRM?

Zoho Support is a powerful online HelpDesk solution that allows you to automate and improve your customer support process with ticket tracking, customer knowledgebase articles and video, chat forums, livechat, support time and contract tracking and more.
The “More...” tab shows additional CRM modules available, from solutions (knowledgebase) to product books, invoicing etc.

Similar concepts apply and these are all customizable to suit your business.

These will be dealt with in more detail should you wish to proceed with a CRM implementation and support project.

**How do I Add New Information Quickly?**

Use the Quick Create function in the top right of the screen, then select what you would like to create:

**Calendar**

Use the Calendar icon in the top right of the screen to see your team calendar, select daily, weekly or monthly view.
This will display a collaborative calendar for you and all of your team in monthly, weekly or daily format, and yes, this feature does synch with Google Calendar and also now Zoho Calendar, the free online calendaring solution from Zoho:

![Calendar Image]

**Leads**

Use the List tab to view Leads, click drop downs/hyperlinks to view/edit:

![Leads Image]

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More Actions

Use these actions to carry out various tasks on the lead data:

Click on the Lead name to view details

When in the Lead edit screen scroll down to add tasks and events.
Email the Lead, track all email communication, use predefined sales step communication templates to increase your sales team efficiency and reduce ramp time.

Use the clone or convert buttons to clone the lead, quickly creating similar typed leads or to convert a lead into a sales ‘potential’. This will also create an account and a contact.

**Accounts**

The same concept apply with Accounts as with leads about viewing data, click the Account name hyperlinks to view Account details.

Use the Views to filter various accounts, create views to suit your needs. Use the A B C... sort index to find accounts quickly, sort by column.

Use the Zoho Sheet View to look at your accounts and edit information in spreadsheet format, very useful for making multiple updates.

**Views**

Views are a great way to quickly filter your data and can be applied to any field.

You can also make views visible to only you, or to certain or all people in your organisation.
Admins can see all views.

You can see more about creating views in our Youtube channel video:

http://youtu.be/D-3ASz9syjw

Adding a New Account

Use the New Account button, enter Account details.

Sales Opportunities or ‘Potentials’

Click the Potentials tab.

Note, this and all other tabs can be renamed to match your business, eg. “Sales”.

Note the various filters and ways of looking at your list of records.
Sorting

Click the column headings to sort on the columns

TIP: Searching CRM Data from Module Lists

Use the search filters on module column headers to search your data quickly.

You can enter one or a combination of search filters to get the exact information you are looking for.
Viewing a Potential

Select a Potential to view all sales activities and information associated with that single potential:

Stage History, used for tracking the life cycle of the Potential

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<th>Stage</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Probability (%)</th>
<th>Expected Revenue</th>
<th>Closing Date</th>
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Don’t forget, the currency that is displayed in this screen depends on what currencies you set up.

Other information and activities that are related to the record and can be seen as you scroll down the page.
TIP:

The related lists you see will depend on your business CRM setup but are completely customizable.

Mangoho are able to do all of this customization for you as part of an implementation project.
Reporting

Once you have information in the CRM you can report on the data using the Reports Tab, you should have a small report available for your leads, the other reports can be seen below.

Over time, these will enable you to build a strong infrastructure for your business allowing you to make informed decisions based on real time business intelligence.
Automated Reports

A very nice feature of Zoho CRM is that it allows you to create automated reports.

Click the Reports tab, then Report Scheduler.

Create various scheduled reports from there and then these will be sent to the recipients you define via email with an Excel attachment.

This is a great way to make sure people receive the right information direct to their inbox on a regular basis.
**TIP:**

Searching for Data

Sometimes you just need to find something quickly and easily.

For this use the Search function in the top right of the screen.

Key in the keyword or phrase, then also we recommend selecting the relevant module(s) to increase the speed and accuracy of the search, then press enter. The data will be displayed.
TIPS & HINTS FOR SALES REPS

Tracking your customers, contacts, and deals is as easy as following the steps below. All of your information is related, so it's easy to access and manage.

When you create and qualify a Lead, the Lead details become an ‘Account’, ie. an established business relationship within your organisation.

NOTE: You are able to skip the Lead step and create an account directly, if you are sure this account will be a business relation in the future.

REMEMBER: Once a lead has been converted into an account, the account is the starting point and the key to accessing all of your related data.

First Create the Account

The first step is to create the account. You'll want to create an account for every company you do business with - including customers, partners, and competitors.

- Go to the Accounts tab and click New Account.
- Fill in the information for the account.
- Don't forget to fill in the Account Name - it's a required field!
- Click Save to save the account and view the detail page.
- When editing any data, required fields are marked. You won't be able to save your data if you forget to fill them in.

Naming Accounts

- For companies with many offices, create one account for corporate headquarters and additional accounts for each office location.
- Fill in the Account Site field with the location of the office, e.g., Headquarters, London, or Paris.
- Link each location account to the main account using the Parent Account field.

Then Link Contacts to the Account

Contact Tips

- To create multiple contacts for one account, click Save & New instead of Save. You can then immediately create a new contact for that account.
- Every contact you create for an account is listed in the Contacts related list on the account detail page.

Now create contacts for each individual associated with the account you just created. The fastest way to do this is to start on the account detail page.

- View the detail page for the account.
- Try using the sidebar search to quickly locate the account.
- Scroll down to the Contacts related list and click New.
- Fill in the information for the contact.
• Don't forget to fill in the Last Name - it's a required field!
• Click Save to save the contact and view the Contact detail page.

And Finally, Create Your Potentials

Potential Tips

• Zoho CRM uses the term ‘Potential’, you may be familiar with the term ‘Opportunity’ from other CRM software, they are in fact the same thing.
• Name each potential in a uniform manner if possible, it is advisable to create a company standard on how to name potentials.
• Every potential you link to a contact is listed in the Potentials related list on the contact detail page. The potential also rolls up to the account and displays in the Potentials related list on the account detail page.

Finally, create a potential for each business deal you are working on, try not to bulk them together. Potentials can be linked to accounts and, optionally, to contacts.

• If you are working the deal with a specific person, start by viewing that contact. Otherwise, view the account associated with the deal.
• Try using the sidebar search to locate the contact or account.
• Scroll down to the Potentials related list and click New.
• Fill in the information for the opportunity.
• Remember to fill in all of the required fields.
• Click Save to save the potential and view the potential detail page.
• If you add a Potential to an Account make sure you add the Potential Contact Name too, this may be used in your emails.
• For potentials linked to a contact, notice that the Contact Name displays in the Contact Roles related list on the potential detail page.
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