

The Data Diet Menu

EXAMPLE

Questions To Answer Every Week

The Question	The Data-Driven Answer
(1) Are we on track to hit this quarter's bookings plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To-Go Pipeline Coverage + Updated Forecast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = $3x+$ to-go coverage Target = "Always be upsloping" forecast trend
(2) What's our path to the quarter? Which deals matter the most?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of key deals with close-dates in this quarter, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Owner Opportunity name Amount Create + Close Date Age + Stage Duration Push count Next steps Last activity
(3) Are we adding enough new opportunities to the pipeline?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Opportunities created per week vs. target <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count: Target = 4 opportunities / week Amount: Target = \$45k / week
(4) Are we setting ourselves up to hit our bookings plan next quarter?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To-Go Pipeline Coverage for Q+1 and Q+2 vs. plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = Start each quarter with $3x+$ pipeline coverage
(5) How is the sales team performing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookings attainment vs. quota by sales rep - table incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start date Last quarter results (bookings + % of quota) This quarter results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookings + % of quota Open pipeline + to-go coverage vs. quota Count of open opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Q All Q
(6) How is marketing performing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web traffic broken out by paid vs. organic New marketing-sourced pipeline created by week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: Target = \$20k/week Count: Target = 2 week

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(1) How is our forecast accuracy? Is it getting better over time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 4 forecast vs. final bookings by quarter, trended over time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = Week 4 forecast = +/- 10% of final bookings each Q
(2) How much pipeline did we convert to bookings? Is that trend getting better over time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 4 pipeline conversion %, trended for last 4 quarters of results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = 40%+ week 4 conversion rate
(3) What's our win-rate? Is it getting better over time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed-won / total closed won + lost bookings, trended for the last 4 quarters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = QOQ growth of "total opties seen" + improving win-rates
(4) How efficient is our sales + marketing spend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Acquisition Cost, trended for the last 4 quarters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = <\$10k CAC CAC Payback period, trended for last 4 quarters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target = <2 year CAC Payback
(5) Where is the cross-sell whitespace for existing customers? Are we making progress converting it to bookings?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> % penetration by product w/ existing customers, trended for last 4 Q Updated total whitespace amount (\$) for core products