

A SIMPLE CHEAT SHEET

# Microsoft Dynamics 365 CE or Salesforce?

A few comparisons to include in your *business case* for implementing your next CRM.



Show your reasoning



Get others onboard



Make the right choice

## As the leader of your business...

Are you (more than) ready to build a new CRM for your organization? **Sold on the idea** of using Microsoft Dynamics to build it? **Do some others feel Salesforce** is the way to go? **Need to make a pitch** to convince them otherwise? **Wondering what to include in your business case** so everyone understands what you want them to?

This brief guide will help.

# A lot goes into a business case.

Including, expressing **measures & metrics**. Don't. Leave. These out. Otherwise, it's hard to clearly...

- **Identify the pains** your business is currently experiencing
- **Express the success** your business should expect
- **Describe the strategy & plan** to achieve that success

About that last item... More than just 'turning on a new system', your strategy & plan should express the **people side of any change**. New technology? We're absolute believers. **How new technology affects employees?** Even more so.

**Tech** allows you to create experiences to bring customers back for more. **Change** is how your employees adapt, adopt & adore that change.

So together, your business can...



Help customers  
—get your best



Help employees  
—do their best



Help your business  
—be its best

# You want to make it clear to your boss & peers...

why **Dynamics 365** will work better than **Salesforce** to accomplish that.

We want to save you time (and frustration) doing research. We created this chart **to include in your business case**. Incorporate the items that pertain to your business (probably all of them).

Hell, just **copy & paste the entire table** below into your business case document!



salesforce

**Dynamics  
365**

vs

**Salesforce**

## Dynamics 365

## Features

## Salesforce

**Works & plays nicely with Microsoft apps.** Which also allows people & teams to work better together within the MS suite.

### Microsoft apps

Works well with Microsoft apps. And, Salesforce does have solid APIs. But you **need to configure settings & perhaps write code** to create the integration you want & need.

One Microsoft user account—access all the apps they have to offer. **Including MS Dynamics.** Easy, too, for IT to manage one, not multiple accounts.

### Single sign-in

Single sign-on can be enabled between Salesforce and Microsoft. But, it's a **hassle for IT & less secure to manage multiple user accounts.**

Power BI, Excel & Dynamics all share a common data model. This makes it easy for users **to create visual, interactive dashboards & reports.** And, to analyze what's going on with your customers.

### Data Analytics

Salesforce has powerful tools to create dashboards & reports. **But, it's often harder to do and to review results.** Yes, you can use Excel too, to perform analysis.

.NET & HTML—all universal web standards supported by MS Dynamics. **So it's easy to build & add new features.** No need to rely on another proprietary programming language.

### Software Development

Salesforce has its own proprietary programming language—Apex. **Thus, it requires specialized skills to customize Salesforce.** And, Salesforce developers are fewer & more expensive.

Manage core business functions like Human Resources, Supply Chain, Accounting and Finance —**right out of the box.**

### ERP Applications

Salesforce **does not have off-the-shelf applications** to support these core business operations.

**Treat your sensitive data as carefully as needed.** Use MS Dynamics in the cloud, on-premise or as a hybrid. You've got choices.

### On-premise, cloud or both

**All your data travels across the Internet—period.** Often a deal breaker for government & other companies with sensitive data.

# So then...

## Salesforce

*For sure, a great solution, but...*

- Takes effort to integrate with other platforms
- Can be less secure & more difficult to manage multiple users accounts
- Harder to create & review reporting results
- Fewer & more expensive developers to create custom features
- Lack apps to support core business operations
- All data is in the cloud. Period.

## Dynamics 365

*The best solution because...*

- Works & plays nicely with Microsoft apps
- One Microsoft user account to access everything
- Easily create visual, interactive dashboards & reports
- Easily find developers to build & add new features
- Supports supply-chain operations
- Cloud, on-premise or hybrid for sensitive data

# We use Dynamics 365 with our clients for all the reasons above. And...

Unlike Salesforce, Microsoft is a Cloud expert—with Azure as their own hardware-software-cloud solution.

Such tight integration means...



Easy to administer



Less costly to maintain



Fewer IT headaches

## Like what you see?

**Want more tips for making a business case** to use Microsoft Dynamics 365 in your workplace? Call, write or book us. Really. It's what we do. We love talking shop.