

BANZAI PIPELINE

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This best simulates the scenario sequences and animated transitions.

Banzai Pipeline

The Sales Game

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Rendered in the environment of SAP's UXNext Team's UX3 Design Language



Game Mechanics Applied to CRM Sales

Games:

Have a Graphically Rich and Responsive User Interface

Provide Clear and Relevant Purpose, Goals, Status, and Feedback

Thrive with Collaboration and Competition

Leverage Physical Metaphors Where Meaningful

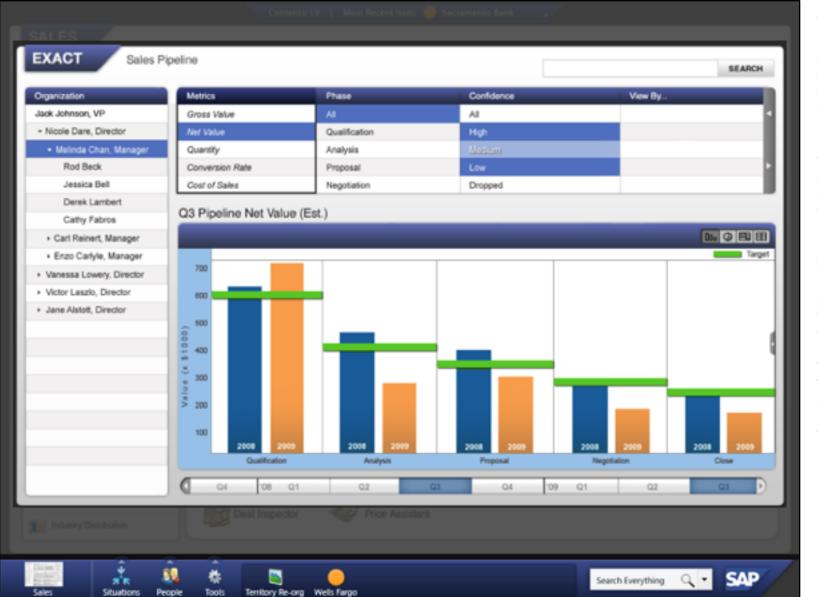
Are Highly Personalized to Users

Sales is the business activity most closely resembling a game. In fact the cyclical sales quota and pipeline metaphor already leverage real-life metaphors to depict status and progress in a more meaningful way.

The Sales Game focuses on the Pipeline Management use case scenario. For context, the scenario takes place within an overall sales automation application rendered with the UX3 Concept Car environment.

The game element depicted is called the Banzai Pipeline. This is a hybrid game/analytic for visualizing and acting upon an enterprise sales pipeline, from the complete rollup to an individual sales rep.

The Pipeline leverages UX3 concepts of unique spaces dedicated to different work modes, and the collaborative features of Streamwork. However, its primary examples of game mechanics are in its forms of visualization and interaction design, primarily by using the Pipeline metaphor in a non-literal manner, i.e. no need to depict any "pipes".

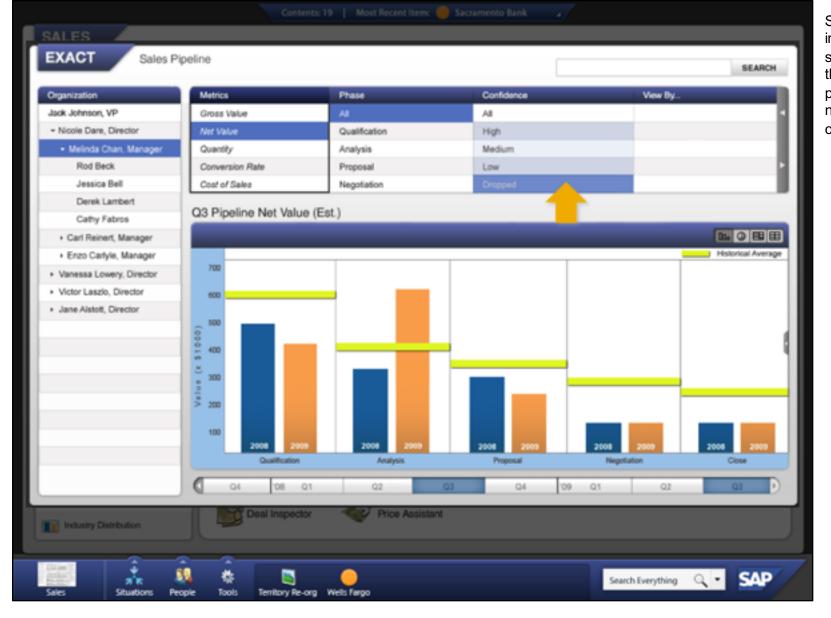


The Banzai Pipeline is an interactive visualization for sales people to check the status of their deals in various stages. Targeting the use case of a sales team managing their pipeline – the metaphor used to describe the set of deals in various stages of progress – it uses a collaborative "gameboard" visualization.

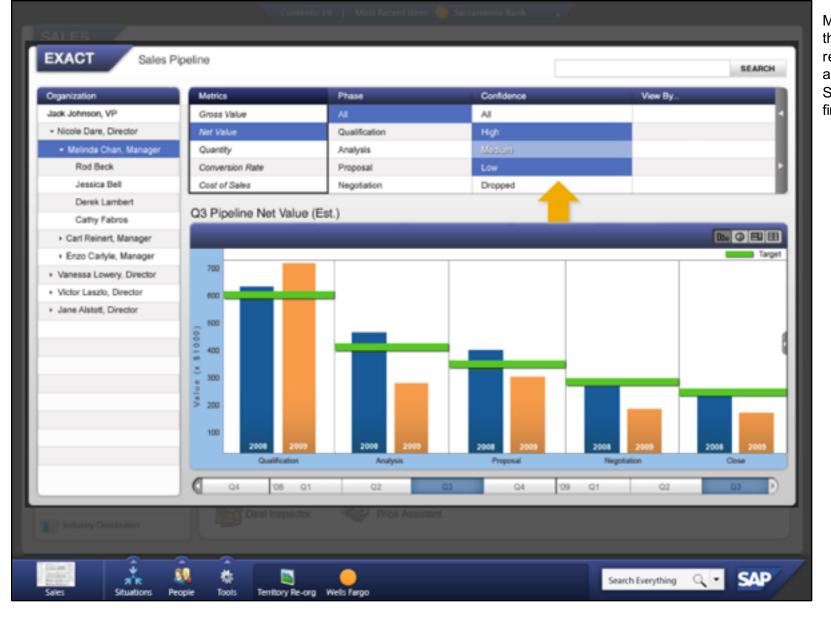
Here we see a comparison of current deals in each of five pipeline stages, in orange, compared to the previous year, in blue, and the goal, in green. Our user, Melinda, manages a sales team, and this is her view of the overall team's performance. Her staff, and her position in the larger sales org, are shown in the hierarchy on the left.



We can see that we are losing many deals from the Qualification stage to the Analysis stage, to a point well under the goal, and that this can cause underperformance later on in the cycle.



She looks at dropped deals in the Analysis phase and sees that the problem is that they are losing deals in this phase, versus for example not having enough deals coming into the phase.



Melinda decides to take up this issue with her team. She returns to her original view and decides to create a new Streamwork Activity to help find a solution.



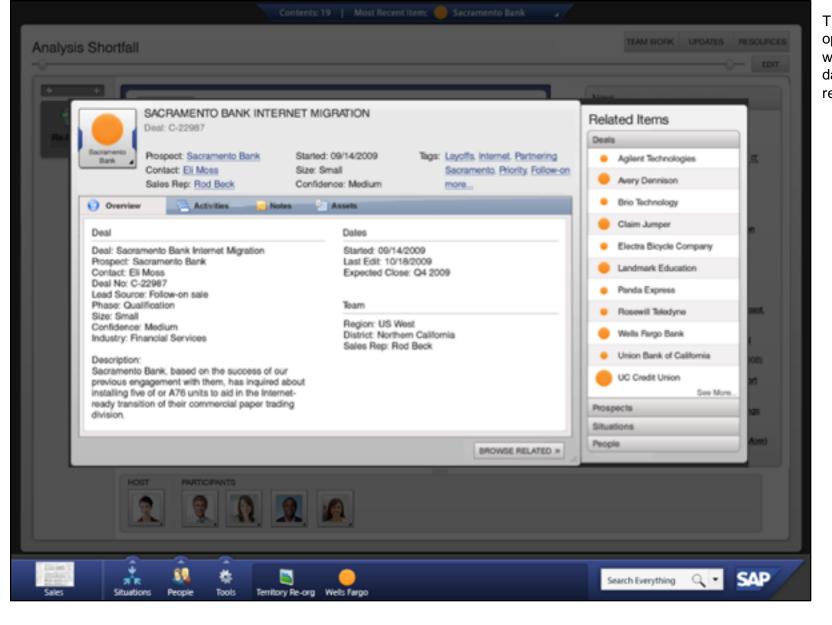
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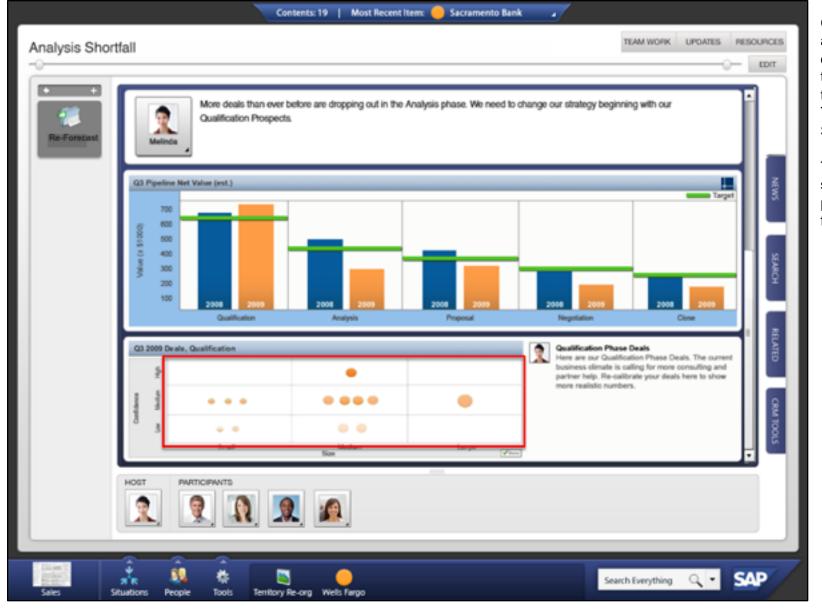


This participant can also open the Deal Inspector which contains all system data about this object, plus related items.



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As Host, Melinda can commit these data changes to the pipeline database.

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Melinda annotates his quarterly goals by dragging several deals to the phases where she proposes they should reside by quarter's end.

The arrows here would actually display to convey the changes she had made.

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He then commits his changes to the deal proposal.

The Mobile Pipeline

The most game-like element in the Banzai Pipeline is the gameboard view, that renders deals as poker-chip-like tokens. This is easily rendered on a mobile device.

In the mobile version, the same model is used.



Users edit their deal status on the gameboard with gestures.





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