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# Modern Sales in the Customer Age

Sell More, Know More, Grow More

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- ▶ The New Customer
- ▶ Modern Selling Challenges and Imperatives
- ▶ Interacting with your Customer

# Empowered Customers

## Who are We Selling To?

something has  
**CHANGED**

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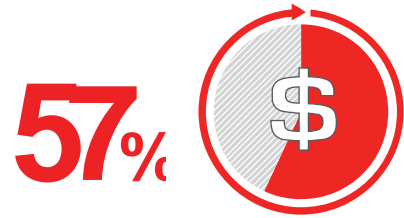


Social | Mobile | Y-gen | Self Discovery | Buying | Learning |  
Targets | Choice | Value | Expectation | Information



# Modern Selling Imperatives

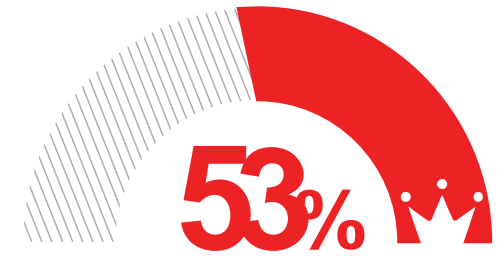
## Is Your Organization Prepared?



of purchase cycle complete  
before engaging with a supplier



sales reps need to be  
re-trained or turned over



of B2B customer loyalty is driven  
by the sales experience

Sources: CEB, Bain POV Future of B2B Sales

# Challenges in the Modern Selling Environment

## 1 Not Enough Pipeline

Over 57% CSOs rate ability to incubate leads as a major concern

## 2 Not Enough Selling Time

1/3 of reps time is spent selling. Required tasks prevent reps from selling.

## 3 Rep Performance

60% of sellers lack a strong understanding of their differentiation vs. competitors

## 4 Limited Insight

Deal closes are forecasted wrong 50% time.

Sources:

CSO Insights Sales Performance Optimization 2013 Sell Cycle Review Analysis

Bain POV Future of B2B Sales



# Modern Selling Imperatives

## Core Strategies to Improve Effectiveness With New Buyer

- 1 Knowledge is the only ticket to early buyer engagement
- 2 Sales must master modern selling techniques and technologies
- 3 New productivity paradigm: Everything is Mobile, Everytime
- 4 Managers need more analytics to bring science to the art of selling



# How do you interact with your Customer?

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- ✓ Can your sales team *respond quickly* to customers with sales quotes and accurate pricing?
- ✓ Are your quotes/orders *produced by sales* 100% accurate? Any orders that fail at order entry (incorrect data, pricing, etc)?
- ✓ What tools are your sales teams or independent agents/channels using to *price and quote* your solutions for their customers... *Excel/Word files, paper catalogs/PDF datasheets, custom app*?
- ✓ How much time do your sales people spend time on non-sales activities related to getting proper quotes and orders to their customers?



# Inquiry-to-Order Most Common Scenarios

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## Findings

Inconsistent quoting and frequent pricing errors

Time-consuming rework and multiple handoffs.

Outdated print catalogs and misunderstanding of customer requirements

## Cause

Lack of standardized practices and overreliance on key individual knowledge

Frequent proposal, stock-keeping unit, or item / bill of material and order entry errors

Sales channel inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and confusion

## Effect

Profit loss and dissatisfied customers.

Delayed customer responses, lengthy QTO cycles, and lost business opportunities.

Reduced sales effectiveness and lost business opportunities.



# Modern CPQ for the Sales Leaders

Aligning Your Sales Process to Increase Speed, Accuracy, and Revenue



Applying *strategic thinking* and implementing an effective and efficient *technology solution* can help streamline the entire range of I-t-O processes and enable companies to realize measurable process improvements and results:

- Reduced lead and cycle times.
- Mistake-proof quoting and pricing.
- Faster customer response time.
- Higher fulfillment rates.
- Margin improvements.
- Revenue growth.

# Results for the Sales Leaders

Being realized by world-class companies



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**30%**

increase in Average  
Selling Price

**100%**

Forecast driven by  
real Quotes

**90%**

faster quote time: 30  
minutes to 3 minutes

**\$5.5m**

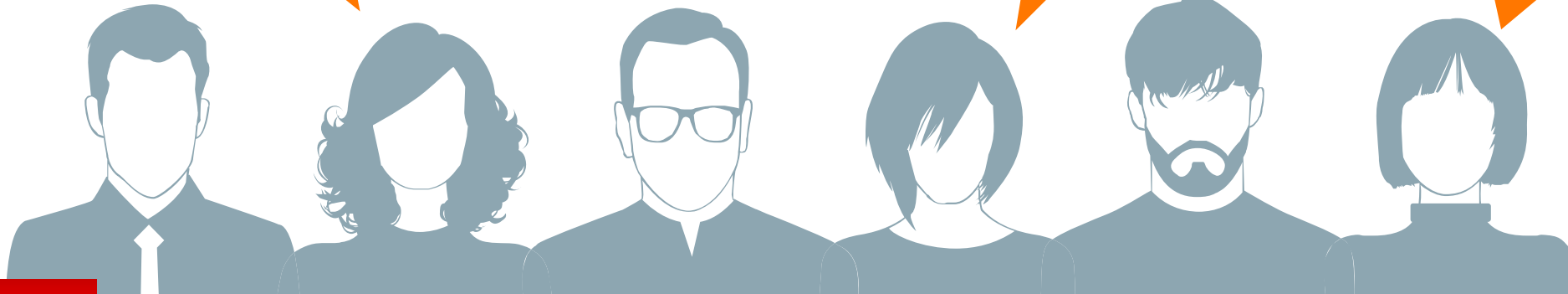
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**8 minutes**

from prospect  
discussion to  
signature via iPad

**75%**

reduction in quote  
cycle time



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