

# SALESROADS SEES EFFICIENCY, PRODUCTIVITY, AND SALES GAINS WITH VANILLASOFT

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<u>SalesRoads</u>, a <u>leading B2B Appointment Setting and Lead Generation Provider</u>, is always looking for ways to improve the sales results generated on behalf of clients. As a long-standing VanillaSoft customer, they were one of the first to fully deploy Intellective Routing which led to:

20%	<b>22</b> %	40%	28%
INCREASE	INCREASE	DECREASE IN NEGATIVE DISPOSITIONS	INCREASE
IN DIALS	IN CONVERSIONS		IN SALES

Intellective Routing allowed SalesRoads to use any combination of filters, geolocation, and queues to keep their team calling the prospects and leads who have the highest probability of converting.



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# PROBLEM FACING SALESROADS

SalesRoads is the premier revenue generation company in the United States. Their team of expert SDRs, talent managers, data specialists, and client success managers are dedicated to helping companies create sales campaigns as unique as their solutions. Where other firms deploy a "cookie-cutter" approach with high-turnover teams, SalesRoads team members carefully construct campaigns and a demand generation playbook to suit each client's news. (Oh, and their SDRs have an average of 14 years experience.)

As a long-time VanillaSoft customer, SalesRoads has always been a fan of the platform - but when Sara Bishop, Director of Program Management, was introduced to Intellective Routing, she said, "I am using this forever. This is an incredible tool, and we should be using it on all of our campaigns!"



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### So what caused such a strong reaction?

Before Intellective Routing, SalesRoads used VanillaSoft's teams function to route and manage contacts. While this worked, it was time-intensive. Even with the teams functionality, SalesRoads struggled to manage the complex needs of each client's unique strategy. The net result was a tenuous system that relies heavily on management's constant involvement.

66 Until we started using Intellective Routing, everything was very manual, and we had to prioritize by creating teams, which meant using contact management regularly to hunt for leads that met a certain criteria, and move them into a specific team. It meant a lot more time for managers, and it was easy to miss something, and end up with a lot of very messy teams for our SDRs to call out of. Now, we can have fewer teams for our SDRs, and have multiple layers of priority! We could prioritize leads that were never touched, or only touched once or twice, or look for specific titles that have been trending well. The possibilities are endless. It really is a game-changer."



With Intellective Routing, the question of "WHO SHOULD MY TEAM BE CALLING RIGHT NOW?"

is answered instantly without any administrative support meaning LESS DOWNTIME and MORE RESULTS.

## **HOW VANILLASOFT HELPED**

Intellective Routing combines VanillaSoft's unique queue-based routing technology with dynamic filtering to improve lead prioritization and routing. With so many unique companies and products to serve, it's easy to see how SalesRoads' campaigns became confusing. Intellective Routing ensures that the best leads take the highest priority, and the right leads go to the right salesperson - all at the right time.

With a simple setup, reduction in negative dispositions (because they're calling the right people at the right time), and higher overall activity, SalesRoads saw a significant increase in sales in their first 30 days - and those results have held ever since!

#### **How Intellective Routing Works**

Intellective Routing is one of the latest additions to VanillaSoft's platform. It auto-prioritizes sales-qualified leads with the highest potential to generate business and instantly serves to the available sales agents and reps.

Users can create logic and filters using a simple tool that will seamlessly present the most likely prospects to be converted. This method, as a result, optimizes conversion rates by increasing the quantity and quality of 'touches.' Strike the lead when it is hot!

By creating different filters and logic for each campaign depending on each client's needs, SalesRoads dialers are seamlessly directed where they'll have the largest impact.

66 On certain projects, we find it's better to catch a prospect between eight and nine their time, so we find it invaluable to be able to prioritize based on time zones. We also sometimes prioritize leads based on how recently they've been called or those that have never been called, that helps us to really make a pass at the lowest hanging fruit, which has increased our success. Obviously, if you have some fresh leads, it's not terribly productive to keep calling the same prospects 10 times if you've never gotten them on the phone."

SalesRoads is now using Intellective Routing on nearly all of their campaigns for maximum results. Let's dive in and see how they're deploying it, learn some pro-tips, and inspire you!

#### Small Changes - BIG results

One of Ms. Bishop's favorite things about deploying Intellective Routing was how easy it was to build and adjust. "It's really easy to turn off, too! So, if for some reason you set it up and want to change it, it's easy to undo it. All you have to do is just turn off the filter and then poof, your leads are exactly as they were before you started. Far superior than relying on the 'teams' structure. I've never seen anything like it in other CRMs that I've looked at."

The freedom and ease given to the SalesRoads team opened them up to new experimentation and hyperpersonalized logic for each client. SalesRoads can get nuanced with targeting by leveraging logic functions (such as 'and' and 'or') in combination with prioritization by fields.

Even if you only use it for the basics, like "I want to prioritize leads I've never called before." That doesn't take very much effort to figure out, so you can start small and just prioritize leads that were never called before. Once you feel confident, then you can build on that, until you're building all sorts of really interesting opportunities."

Just starting by creating a prioritized list of titles and overlaying it with a timezone filter means reps can stay active on the phone and that the Intellective Routing will automatically target the best titles in whatever time zone is in prime call hours. Ms. Bishop and her team chose to start small - time zones and prioritizing leads with the fewest number of touches. **Those simple filters allowed them to instantly improve the number of conversions on calls by 22%**.



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## Finally, Efficient Use of Phone Time

Many have heard the old adage "The best answer in sales is 'Yes'. The second best is a quick 'No'." But by deploying Intellective Routing SalesRoads has uncovered a third way - reducing the number of negative dispositions!

By hitting the right people (by title) at the right time (by timezone) and focusing on the newest leads (fewest number of touches), SalesRoads was able to reduce the number of negative dispositions by 40%.

"So what we were able to do was create a mix. We'd prioritize [prospects] that we were more likely to get on the phone. We could prioritize directors first, because like VPs, they might have decision making power, but they're a little easier to get on the phone. [Intellective Routing allowed us to] organize based on what our client needed."

Why settle for more conversations and increased conversions when you can also decrease the negative outcomes? No other tool better allows you to maximize the effectiveness of sales reps' time on the phone by ensuring that the people most likely to respond positively are called at the time they're most likely to listen.

66 Being able to use Intellective Routing to prioritize things like certain industry types or company sizes has been invaluable for us."

#### Not just better activity - more activity!

Before Intellective Routing, SalesRoads managers spent significant time ensuring callers never ran out of prospects to call. Beyond that, there was no visibility into where each prospect is in the sales cycle.

"It was possible to use 'priority' as a field to push some leads to the front of the queue, but we found that once leads were loaded, changing the priority didn't do anything- they were fixed in their place in the queue. So [priority] was cool for when you first added leads in, but after that, it didn't really help. And prioritizing using teams, people would run out of leads, and it just slowed us down. It slowed us down dramatically."

Deploying Intellective Routing has meant

NO ONE RUNS OUT OF LEADS, and management can spend

MORE TIME COACHING and

**ITERATING CAMPAIGNS** 

for optimal results.

One thing they noticed immediately was a

20% INCREASE IN DIALS PER HOUR!

# **RESULTS**

[Intellective Routing] has just been extremely helpful. It helps us to be more nimble and, and also to grab the best opportunities. If you're not sure - ask! I've never had problems getting VanillaSoft folks to help me out."

For SalesRoads, every action comes back to client satisfaction and positive call outcomes. While they were happy with VanillaSoft before deploying Intellective Routing, now it is a cornerstone of their product offering as it delivers the ultimate result - 28% more sales.

Not only is the SalesRoads team able to deliver more sales to their clients, but they also cut management overhead, reduced time spent managing leads, improved caller productivity, and created a better employee experience by reducing negative dispositions.

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