



# Accelerate Performance

Cloud Effective's Productivity Pro facilitates management by objectives via SMART Goals



enabling teams to focus on top priorities via cloud based social productivity management applications ...turning ideas into results!

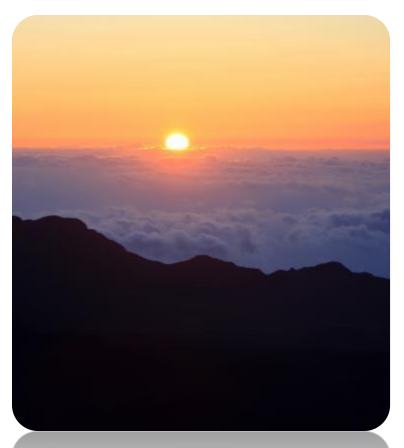


Mission

Goals-

# **Cloud Effective**

- Cloud-based business-social network
- Cost effective productivity solutions delivering outstanding performance now and in the future.
- Empowers finely honed executives, highly skilled professionals, self-employed entrepreneurs, small business owners, educational and public sector administrators
- Provides access to functionality <u>beyond that</u> enjoyed by medium to large sized businesses with deep pockets!
- Flag ship productivity suite
  - Simplifies alignment and management of strategic missions, goals, projects and tasks
  - Replaces multiple systems with one
  - Facilitates collaboration among friends and colleagues
  - Our free product is sure to please and our more powerful premium product delivers amazing performance with break through affordability



A new horizon ...turning ideas into results



## Cloud Effective: Manage all levels of activity



#### 50,000 foot view:

Company Vision

(Now & over life of company)

#### 30-40,000 foot view:

Company (Team) mission

(Now & over life of company/team)

#### 20-30,000 foot view:

Goals & Projects

(1 to 5 years)

#### 5-10,000 foot view:

Deliverables & projects

(1 to 12 months)

On the ground: Where the rubber

meets the road

Tasks: (1 to 90 days)

#### ABC Company

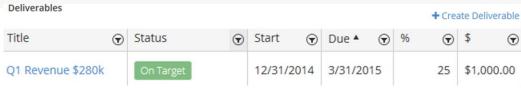
Our Vision: Enhance the lives of our customers, shareholders and community through a continuous supply of innovative and cost effective widgets...making life more enjoyable one day at a time.

#### **ABC Corporate Team**

Our mission is to create value for our shareholders, provide a great working atmosphere for our employees and provide value to the community

#### Increase Revenue: New Product Sales (+\$1M) - On Target

Achieve \$1,0M sales from products introduced < 18 months prior: \$100k from Surefire, \$500K from SpitFire, \$400k from CoolFire



Tasks												+ Create Task
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# Management By Objectives





# Management by Objectives Continuous Cycle





## **MBO** Benefits and Potential Problems

#### **MBO** Benefits

- Department and individual goals are aligned to corporate objectives
- Resources are aligned to deliver against goals which are agreed upon to be important
- 3. Focus & thus performance improvement at all levels
- 4. Employee motivation & team work
  - Changes the way you manage your time
  - Compass over clock (Franklin-Covey)
  - Contributes to relationship building.
  - Provides structured opportunity to participate in decision making

### Potential Stumbling Blocks

- 1. Constant change prevents MBO from taking hold
- 2. Trying to track too much with insufficient business systems
  - Tactical minutia driving out important goals
  - Tracking actions as MBOs
- 3. Lack of self-discipline
- 4. Too much 'paperwork' required for performance & resource management
- Performance and rewards are disconnected
- 6. "Just another initiative...yadda yadda yadda..."



## **SMART Goals**

**S**pecific

Measurable

Achievable & Agreed Upon

Relevant

Time-Based

Goals: Results-driven planning statements that describe and quantify desired outcomes which individuals or teams are responsible to deliver





## Creating S.M.A.R.T. Goals

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable & Agreed Upon
- Relevant
- Time-Based

### Questions you should ask:

- What results will be delivered?
- How will success be measured?
- Is this aligned to strategic goals? Should we do this? Is it reasonable? What areas will we stretch? Who owns it?
- Is this a high, medium, or low priority goal? How much of your time will you spend on this?
- By when?



### A Smart Goal:

- Is a performance planning statement that <u>describes</u> and <u>quantifies</u> an outcome (result) for which an individual or group is responsible to deliver
- Is a statement of an important and measurable outcome that when accomplished will help ensure the success of the company's most important goals: WIGs (wildly important goals); BHAGs (Big Hairy Audacious Goals), Commit, Plan, Stretch goals, etc.
- Answers what the key objective is and when it will be accomplished
  - Launch 3 products in growth markets with >30% annual growth by Q1 201x
  - Achieve >40% market share by Q4 201x
- Is not a wish



## Elements of an Effective Goal or Objective

- States desired results
- Aligned to higher level goals (corporate, department, team) or vision
- Identifies who is accountable
- Establishes criteria to measure success
- Establishes a timeframe
- Written in concise and easy to understand language
- Is validated
  - Cost of implementation and return on investment are understood
  - Prioritized and assigned importance
  - Fully communicated across necessary functions
- Not a description of routine activities



## Time Management Process

#### Ineffective:

I put urgent things first.

#### **Effective:**

I put important things first.

See (attitude):
Cooperation is
better than
competition
modify attitude

Get (results):

Open and trusting relationships

Review results

Plan: How to Cooperate?

Set (Reset)
expectations and plan of action

Do (execute plan):

Work for mutual benefit

Attitude influences execution

### **Cooperate & execute:**

Effectiveness requires the integrity to act on your priorities in such a way that you obtain your desired results...repeatedly.



### **S**pecific

- A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal. To set a specific goal you must answer the five "W" questions:
  - Who: Who is the owner & who is a key contributor?
  - What: What do I want to accomplish?
  - When: Establish a time frame.
  - Which: Identify requirements and constraints.
  - Why: Specific reasons, purpose or benefits of accomplishing the goal.
- By reviewing these questions we answer the question: "What am I specifically responsible for?"
- EXAMPLE:
  - A general goal would be, "Get in shape."
  - But a more specific goal would say, "Join a health club and workout 3 days a week on Monday, Weds and Friday."



### Measurable

- Establish concrete criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of each goal you set.
  - When you measure your progress, you stay on track,
  - Reach your target dates, and
  - Experience the exhilaration of achievement that spurs you on to continued effort required to reach your goal.
  - Criteria should be stated in terms of quantity, quality or timeliness.
- To determine if your goal is measurable, ask questions such as
  - How much?
  - How many?
  - How will I know when it is accomplished?
- Through this process you will answer the question: "What standard will be used to measure my success?"

# Agreed Upon + Achievable

- When you have goals with interdependencies you must:
  - Ensure that they are agreed upon by all necessary parties
  - Ensure team members have a chance to "buy-into" the goal
    - The "buy-in" phase is essential to synergistically define the goal
    - Agreement inspires commitment toward achieving the mutual goal
- The organization's leadership and, where appropriate, its stakeholders should agree that the goal is important and that appropriate time and resources will be focused on its successful completion.



## Agreed Upon + Achievable

- To be achievable, a goal must:
  - Represent an objective toward which you are both willing and able to work
  - Be achievable within the current organizational constraints (There must be a chance that a goal can be accomplished)
    - This does not mean or imply that goals should be easy.
    - On the contrary, a goal should be challenging, perhaps even a stretch to ones capabilities
  - A goal can be both a stretch and realistic
    - Be sure that every goal represents substantial progress
    - A difficult goal is frequently easier to reach than a easy goal because an easy goal exerts low motivational force.
    - Some of the hardest jobs you ever accomplished actually seem easy simply because they were a labor of love.
- One should honestly ask:
  - o "Is it possible to accomplish the goal in the established timeframe, given the available resources?" and
  - "Do I have the necessary resources and skills?"
- An attainable goal should allow for flexibility in how it is achieved within the confines of law, company & personal values.
- A goal that can no longer be achieved should be altered or abandoned.



### Relevant

- Goals should be appropriate and consistent with the mission, vision and values of the organization.
- Each goal adopted by the organization should be one that moves the organization toward the achievement of its vision.
- Relevant goals will not conflict with other organizational goals.
  - As noted earlier, goals are set by or in concert with the person responsible for achievement
  - It is important that all short-term goals be relevant (e.g., consistent) with the longer-term and broader goals of the organization.



#### Relevant

Prioritization of Goals (Possible score (weight) is higher for higher priority goals):

- Identifies where the greatest amount of effort should be expended
- Facilitates everyday decisions
- Your schedule/calendar is driven by priorities not urgency (Covey's concept of compass over calendar)
- Establishes that not all goals are of equal importance and establishes order of importance
- Knowing the priority and importance of each goal enables appropriate planning of time and resources



## **Relevant: Prioritization of Goals**

- As you assign value to the level of importance you should
  - consider what is:
    - Critical (high weight)
    - Very Important (medium weight)
    - Important (Low weight)

- Taking into consideration the level of:
  - Difficulty
  - Strategic importance
  - Value in relation to other objectives





ROUTINE ACTIVITIES
DON'T DROWN IN MINUTIA



### Time-based

- Goals must exist within the context of a schedule
- This schedule must contain more than just a simple start date and completion date.
- For a goal to be truly SMART, there must be an agreed upon timetable that incorporates regular, structured review and assessment of progress toward the goal
- By having a timeline you will ensure momentum and focus, with benchmarks along the way to the completion of the goal.
- Ask: "What is the timeline for the goal?" Add incremental milestones in each quarter throughout the year so that you achieve your yearly deliverable
  - Use Gantts and program management for linking goals to key milestones in your projects
  - Use action boards (tasks with desired results) to deliver milestones for each of your goals and related projects
  - o Don't let minutia and 'urgent' actions become your 'wildly important goals'



### SMART Goals Have Never Been Easier

 Step by step worksheet facilitates "SMART"

 Cascading goals facilitates alignment to organizational objectives.

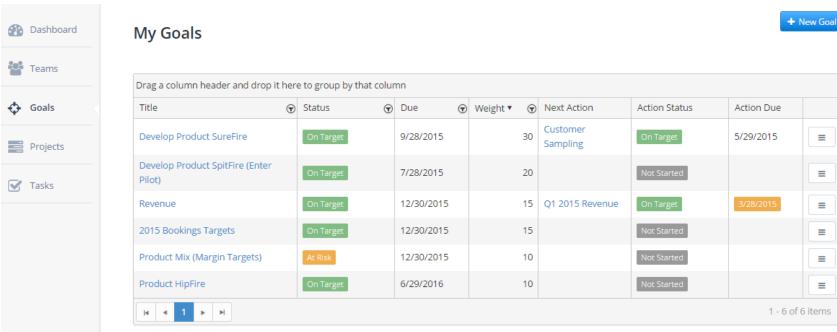


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Goals

### Goals

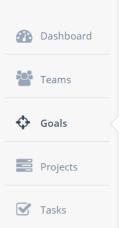
- Create SMART goals
  - Personal goals from your 'My goals' page
  - Team goals from team pages if the goal is specific to a department, committee or group (project team)
- The My Goals page displays:
  - Personal and team goals with status and due date
  - The next action for each goal with status and due date











#### My Goals

Create a new goal

+ New Goal

Apply a fliter to display only the rows you desire

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2015 Bookings Targets		On Target		12/30/2015			15		Not Started	Create Task		
Product Mix (Margin Targets)		At Risk		12/30/2015			10 Enter next		Not Started	Edit Change Owner		
Product HipFire		On Target		6/29/2016			10	Action	Not Started	Change Owner	change Owner	

Edit directly in our SmartGrid Review the next action associated with your top goals If there is no next action, enter one directly in the SmartGrid Use the drop down menu to veiw or edit the goal details or to add a deliverable or task...even assign the goal to a colleague by changing owner.

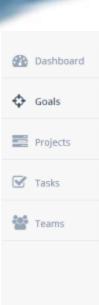


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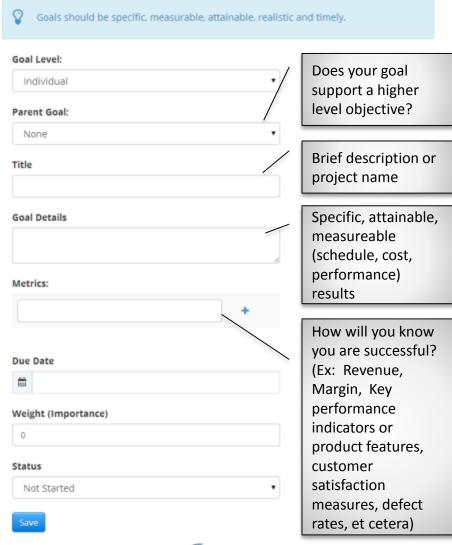
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## Goals

- Prompt based Goal entry/edit form facilitates:
  - User documentation of goals
  - · Consistent and sortable data fields
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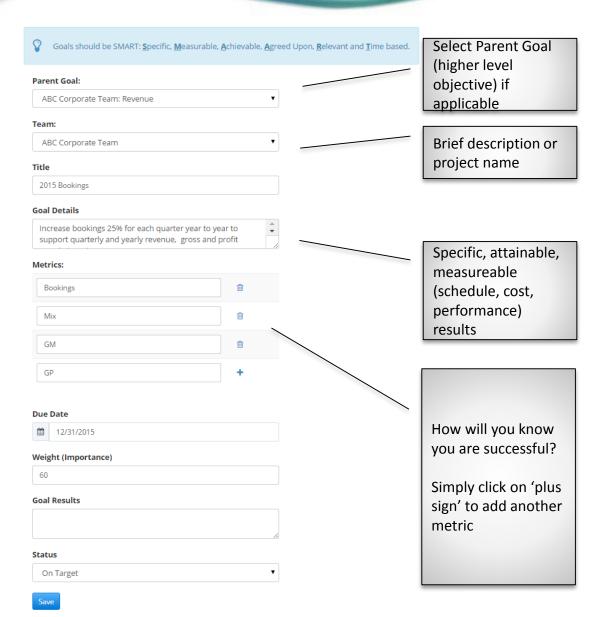
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## **Goal Example**

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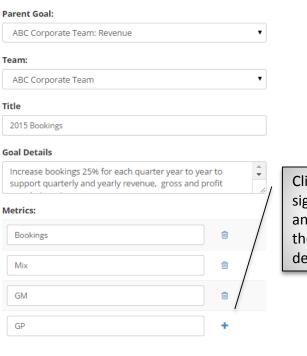
## Choose appropriate status

### <u>Active</u>

- Not started
- On target
- Requires input/help
- At risk (...of missing schedule, missing cost or performance)
- Will miss (...will miss schedule, miss cost or performance...unless...)
- Missed (open) (missed schedule, cost and/or performance, but still working)

### <u>Inactive</u>

- Complete
- Partial (missed on some metrics, but completed others...)
- Missed (closed) (missed too many key performance metrics)
- On hold
- Cancelled



Click on the plus sign to add another metric, the trash can to delete a metric



Highlight the appropriate status

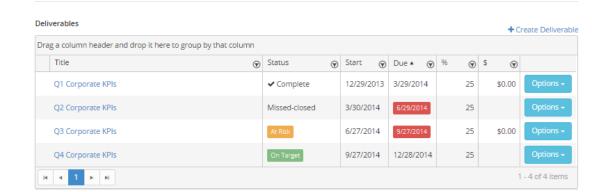


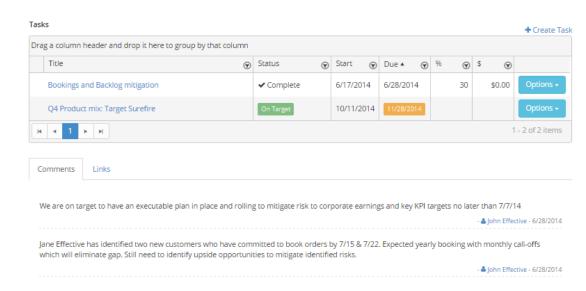


## Goal Execution Page

- Click on goal from My Goals or Team Page to open the goal execution page
- Add Quarterly or monthly deliverables to your high level goals
- Visual color-coded representation of status
- Add specific tasks (action board) to support goals
- Use comments to communicate to goal owner (@username feature coming early 2015)
- Use links to keep pertinent information 'at your fingertips'
- Link to OneDrive, GoogleDrive, DropBox for document management and versioning

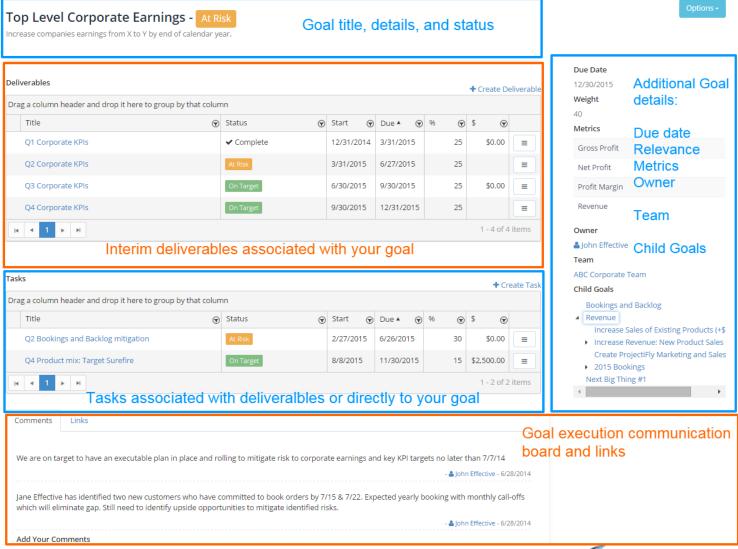








## **Goal Execution Page Layout**

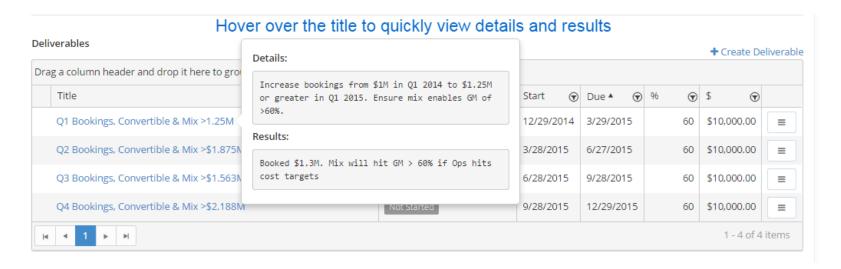


## View a goal & its deliverables:

- Scroll through deliverables for a quick overview
- Hover overs facilitate quick review of details and results
- In the example below the cursor is 'hovering' over the Q2 Corporate KPIs displaying desired and actual results

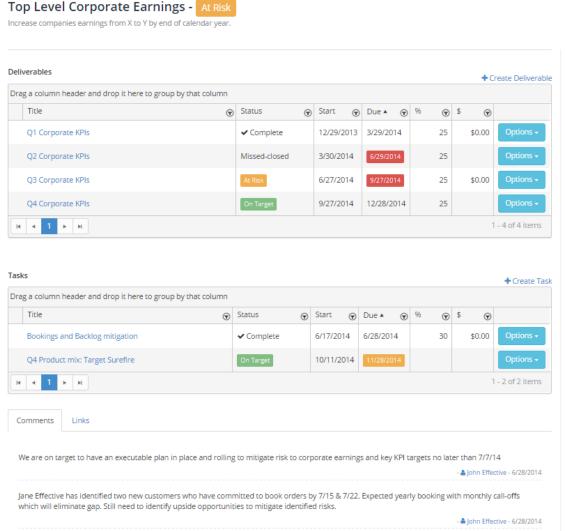
2015 Bookings - On Target Review the goal and all associated deliverables.

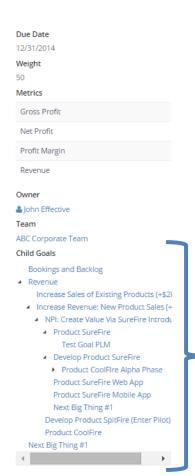
Increase bookings 25% for each quarter year to year to support quarterly and yearly revenue, gross and profit margin targets





# Parent-Child Goals Easily Navigated





- Parent Child Goal Family tree
- Expand or contract
- 'Click-on' navigation

### **Get Started Now!**

Launch the process to create your free account accelerate your results!



Copy this link into any browser (Chrome is preferred whether mobile or computer) to get started: <a href="https://app.cloudeffective.com">https://app.cloudeffective.com</a>

