

Elevating Customer Experiences with Unified Data on Salesforce Data Cloud

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Abstract: *Salesforce Data Cloud is a robust platform that empowers businesses by offering comprehensive data integration and real-time analytics capabilities. Key benefits include creating a unified customer profile, enabling personalized customer interactions, and leveraging predictive insights for strategic decision-making. With advanced AI technology, the platform enhances customer experiences, improves operational efficiency, and helps maintain compliance with data governance and privacy standards. Salesforce Data Cloud's scalable architecture can support businesses as they grow. It is a crucial tool for companies looking to innovate and sustain a competitive advantage in the ever-evolving digital marketplace.*

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1. Introduction

Data Cloud is a platform that consolidates all of your company's data onto Salesforce's Einstein Platform, providing each team with a complete view of the customer. This allows for automation and analytics, personalized engagement, and AI capabilities. Data Cloud achieves this by transforming disconnected data into a single, reliable model that is easy to access and understand. It encompasses various data sets such as telemetry data, web engagement data, and more from both internal and external sources. This unified view empowers your Sales, Service, and Marketing teams to create personalized customer experiences, initiate data-driven actions and workflows, and implement AI across all Salesforce apps.

Regardless of the data's source, whether from internal apps, systems, channels, external data lakes, or even emails, images, or PDFs, Data Cloud can integrate it all into a unified customer profile. This enables your team to better understand current customer needs and anticipate future ones, allowing the entire organization to utilize company data to boost productivity and deliver greater customer value.

By using Data Cloud, your business can consistently deliver personalized customer experiences, leading to enhanced customer satisfaction, loyalty, and business growth. Data Cloud guarantees that every employee has access to the right information at the right time to meet customer needs in near real-time throughout the entire customer journey. [1]

2. How does Data Cloud works: The power of Data Cloud in Salesforce

Salesforce Data Cloud operates by integrating, unifying, and leveraging customer data to empower businesses with actionable insights and personalized experiences.

Unify your enterprise data.

Data Cloud eliminates data silos by creating a single platform for accessing and leveraging all your enterprise data. You can seamlessly integrate structured and unstructured data (such as PDFs, emails, and call transcripts) into Salesforce using our

library of connectors and zero-copy integrations from Snowflake, Redshift, BigQuery, and Databricks.

Unleash the potential of metadata.

Data Cloud is developed on Salesforce's foundational metadata layer, which provides a unified language integrating all Salesforce applications and low-code platform services. This includes Einstein AI, Flow for automation, Lightning for UI, and Apex for deep, pro-code customization.

Power of AI with your data

Data Cloud harnesses the potential of generative AI using your company's data. It provides reliable, secure, and relevant results without the need for costly model training. Additionally, it allows seamless integration of external predictive models through Bring Your Own Model, enhancing workflows and insights.

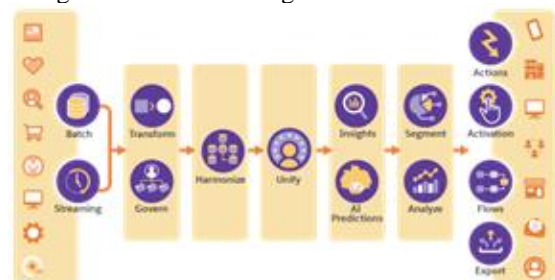


Figure 1: Salesforce Data Cloud – Overview [2]

Salesforce Data Cloud runs through a systematic process that encompasses different key steps: [2]

- Connect all your data sources, whether batch or streaming real-time data.
- Prepare your data through transformation and data governance features.
- Harmonize your data to a standard data model.
- Unify data with identity resolution rulesets.
- Query and analyze data using insights.
- Use AI to predict behavior.
- Analyze, expand, and act on your data in any channel.
- Segment audiences and create personalized experiences.
- Output data to multiple sources to act on data based on your business needs.
- Continue to review, measure, and optimize data.

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3. Key Features and Capabilities of Salesforce Data Cloud

Salesforce Data Cloud provides a wide range of essential features and capabilities that empower businesses to improve their customer relationships and make informed decisions based on in - depth data insights. Some of these capabilities include:

- 1) **Data Ingestion:** The platform can gather data from various sources in real - time or batch processes to create a comprehensive dataset.
- 2) **Data Analysis:** It utilizes advanced analytics to extract valuable insights from integrated data, enabling improved comprehension and targeting of customers.
- 3) **AI - Powered Experiences:** Salesforce Data Cloud uses AI algorithms to predict customer behaviors and preferences, enabling personalized engagements.
- 4) **Real - Time Processing:** The platform processes data in real time, enabling businesses to promptly respond to changing customer dynamics.
- 5) **Customer 360 Integration:** Data Cloud seamlessly integrates with Salesforce's Customer 360, enhancing customer profiles and experiences across all applications.
- 6) **Cross - Platform Connectivity:** With connectors for various apps and devices, it integrates data across the business ecosystem, breaking down silos.
- 7) **Scalable Architecture:** Salesforce Data Cloud is designed to scale with a business's growth, handling increasing data volumes without reducing performance.

These features collectively make Salesforce Data Cloud a powerful tool for businesses looking to optimize their data strategies, drive customer - centric innovation.

4. Benefits of Salesforce Data Cloud

Data Cloud enables you to consolidate all your data on Salesforce without creating intricate data pipelines, promptly act on your data across every Salesforce Cloud, and empower reliable AI solutions driven by your data.

Businesses can benefit in many ways from using Salesforce Data Cloud, including: [3]

- 1) **Personalized Engagement:** Utilizing the insights provided by the Data Cloud, businesses can create personalized experiences for their customers.
- 2) **Compliance and Governance:** The platform's centralized approach to data management assists businesses in maintaining data privacy and complying with standards.
- 3) **Operational Efficiency:** Automating data management reduces the need for manual intervention, minimizing the potential for errors and improving overall efficiency.
- 4) **Data Unification:** Salesforce Data Cloud consolidates and harmonizes data from various systems to create a unified customer view.

5. Salesforce Data Cloud Technical Capability

Salesforce Data Cloud is a powerful platform that stores and processes data in a unique manner, utilizing technologies such as Amazon EMR and Kubernetes. It provides connectors for diverse data sources and enables data transformation and

analysis, ultimately facilitating personalized customer experiences at scale.

Here are the key highlights of the technical capabilities of the Data Cloud. [9]

- Salesforce Data Cloud uses a data lake house architecture, storing data in parquet format in S3 and leveraging DynamoDB for quick access. This design enables efficient storage and actionability of data.
- The platform's big data processing engines, such as Spark, Presto, and Trino, handle the ingestion and processing of massive data, ensuring scalability and performance.
- Data source connectors are vital in integrating data from various systems into the Data Cloud, allowing for a comprehensive view of customer information.
- Data transformation is critical in making disparate data sources compatible with Salesforce's S objects, ensuring accurate and meaningful analysis.
- The Lightning platform and visualization and analysis tools like Tableau empower users to gain insights from the data stored in the Data Cloud, enabling data - driven decision - making.
- Activation channels serve as the ultimate goal of Data Cloud, allowing organizations to connect with customers and create personalized experiences at scale.
- The unique combination of technical capabilities and integration with Salesforce's ecosystem differentiates Data Cloud from other data lakes and customer data platform (CDP) solutions.



Figure 2: Data Cloud Enterprise Architecture [7]

This diagram outlines the technical capabilities within Data Cloud and the product mix required to support them.



Figure 3: Data Cloud Technical Capability Map [4]

Data Cloud uses a new set of Objects.

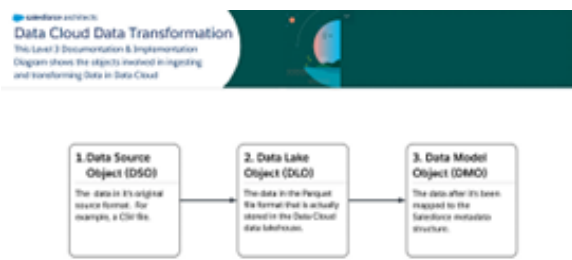


Figure 4: The Data Cloud Objects that empowers seamless data transformation. [5]

Data Cloud supports both structured and unstructured data. However, the power of Data Cloud comes from imposing structure on this data through transformation. To facilitate the transformation process, three new types of objects are being introduced.

- Data Source Object (DSO): The original data source in the original file format.
- Data Lake Object (DLO): The data after it's been transformed and stored in the data lake in the Parquet format.
- Data Model Object (DMO): The data after it's been mapped to the Salesforce metadata structure.



Figure 5: Data Transformation [7]

6. Salesforce Data Cloud Capabilities

Data Cloud provides seamless connectivity to a diverse range of Salesforce and external data sources, including: [6]

- Sales, Service, Commerce, and Marketing Cloud Engagement connectors
- Amazon S3, Google storage connectors
- Ingestion API and Salesforce Interaction SDK
- Web and Mobile connectors
- MuleSoft connector and many more.

Overall, Data Cloud simplifies the process of consolidating all your data, whether streaming or batch, into Salesforce.

7. Salesforce Data Cloud Customer Success Stories

Salesforce Data Cloud is a robust platform that provides a unified view of customer data. By utilizing innovative technologies and industry - leading data sources, Salesforce Data Cloud enables businesses to gain valuable insights, improve customer engagement, and make strategic decisions.

This comprehensive solution offers various capabilities, including data enrichment, identity resolution, and audience segmentation, allowing organizations to target and personalize their marketing efforts effectively. With Salesforce Data Cloud, companies can utilize data to drive growth, enhance customer experiences, and advance their business in today's competitive landscape.

Here are some examples of businesses that have effectively used Salesforce Data Cloud to improve their customer relationship management strategies. [1]

Formula 1 excites fans by offering personalized experiences based on their location, content preferences, and favorite driver. They have developed real - time fan journeys with unique experiences and exclusive offers, creating meaningful interactions to convert new fans into loyal ones and drive sustained global growth. The results include an 88% fan satisfaction rate, 86% first contact resolution rate, and a 99.6% email delivery rate.

Air India has improved its case handling, routing efficiency, and customer experiences using Data Cloud and Einstein. Agents are able to provide quick assistance and personalized recommendations with the help of AI - powered reply suggestions and predictive AI. With CRM, AI, and data integrated on the Einstein 1 platform, Air India is now handling 550, 000 service cases per month.

8. Discover the latest features of the Salesforce Data Cloud

Data Cloud integrates with Salesforce metadata framework.

This feature enables your organization to convert data from any source into standard objects and fields that are familiar to teams using Salesforce. As a result, companies can effortlessly utilize external data within everyday apps such as Sales Cloud and Service Cloud without the need to create and manage complex and costly data pipelines.

The Data Cloud allows you to use low - code and no - code tools to work with data.

Once all your data is organized within the Salesforce metadata framework, you can leverage low - code tools specific to Salesforce, like Flow, as well as AI solutions such as Einstein Copilot and Prompt Builder. This enables business teams to efficiently utilize data for various workflows, automations, AI, and analytics without needing IT support.

The Data Cloud offers endless possibilities for customization and expansion.

With Data Cloud, you can maximize ROI on these investments. Data Cloud's open architecture enables seamless connections to platforms like Snowflake or Databricks without moving or copying data, providing flexibility and control for managing data.



Figure 6: Data Cloud unlocks trapped data with the Salesforce metadata framework. [1]

9. Conclusion

In conclusion, Salesforce Data Cloud is a robust platform offering various technical capabilities to enhance customer relationship management. It is notable for its ability to intake, unify, harmonize, and analyze large volumes of data in real-time, allowing businesses to gain a complete view of their customers. With AI-powered analytics, real-time processing, and cross-platform connectivity features, Salesforce Data Cloud facilitates personalized customer experiences, predictive insights, operational efficiency, and scalable data architecture. [8]

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