

### Splunk Sales Expert: Driving Business Outcomes with Data (SSE)

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#### Kursüberblick

### Sell Smarter, Close Faster—Turn Opportunities into Wins with Splunk!

Enable customer-facing teams with the knowledge and skills to effectively position, qualify, and sell Splunk solutions to customers.

#### **Zielgruppe**

- Cisco and Splunk Account Managers and Sales Representatives
- Cisco and Splunk Partner AMs
- Solution Consultants or Engineers
- Customer Success and Account Executives

#### Voraussetzungen

- Familiarity with IT concepts such as data analytics, security, infrastructure monitoring, and IT operations.
- Understanding of common data sources (like logs, metrics, and event data) can also be beneficial.
- A solid understanding of a typical sales lifecycle, from prospecting and qualification to closing and post-sale support.
- General knowledge about competitors and alternatives in the data analytics and SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) market would allow attendees to better position Splunk.
- To bring to the session examples of real-life referenceable use-cases to discuss & share.

#### Kursziele

- Develop an outcome-based approach that focuses on aligning Splunk's capabilities with customer challenges and business objectives.
- Implicitly apply structured sales methodologies (e.g. MEDDPICC) to identify key decision-makers, qualify opportunities, and close deals more efficiently.
- Positioning Splunk as a solution that helps drive improving IT operations, security, and data-driven decision-making for their customers.

#### **Detaillierter Kursinhalt**

### Provide a high-level overview of Splunk's relevance to today's market:

- Brief overview of Splunk's data analytics and visualization capabilities.
- Introduction to how Splunk addresses common IT and business challenges such as security, operational visibility, and compliance.
- The importance of maximizing sales opportunities by aligning Splunk's strengths with customer needs.

### Analyse the current trends and demand drivers for Splunk solutions within your customer base.

- Market Trends: Discuss the growing importance of cybersecurity, IT operations management, and the need for real-time data analytics.
- Identifying Customer Challenges: Explore how customers are dealing with data overload, security breaches, and operational inefficiencies.
- How we can identify and target opportunities where Splunk's solutions can provide value.

### To map and engage with decision-makers & stakeholders within customer accounts.

- Stakeholder Mapping: Understand who influences buying decisions (e.g., IT managers, security officers, compliance teams).
- Primary contact: profiling the CISO.
- Building Relationships: How to identify and build relationships with key decisionmakers who are focused on outcomes (implicitly covering Metrics and Economic Buyer identification).
- Supporting Business Drivers: Align Splunk's capabilities with the specific business outcomes desired by customers.

How to position Splunk based on measurable business outcomes and the Splunk Unified Value Model (Discovery – Definition – Realisation)

 Creating a Value Proposition: Focus on how Splunk's solutions address critical pain points, such as enhancing



- operational visibility, improving cybersecurity, and driving data-based decision-making.
- ROI and Value Demonstration: how to showcase the value of Splunk solutions through real-world benefits, focusing on reducing downtime, improving security posture, and achieving compliance.
- Customizing Solutions: Help tailor Splunk solutions to align with specific customer goals across different industries (implicitly addressing Decision Criteria and PainPoints).

#### Use Cases and Benefits:

- Present real-world use cases demonstrating the benefits of integrating Splunk, such as:
  - Network performance monitoring and troubleshooting.
  - Security incident detection and response.
  - Operational intelligence and optimization.
  - Compliance and risk management.

### Understand the customer buying process and how to navigate it effectively.

- Qualifying Opportunities: Implicitly address qualification techniques by asking the right questions and understand the customer's procurement process.
- Understanding the Buying Journey: How to help customers progress from initial awareness to final decision-making stages (implicitly covering the Decision Process and Paper Process).
- Competitive Positioning: Provide strategies to position Splunk's solutions against other market alternatives, emphasizing unique strengths and benefits.

### Using role-playing to help equip participants with strategies to overcome common customer objections and build buy-in.

- Handling Common Objections: Address concerns about cost, complexity, and integration and compatibility with existing systems
- Reducing Perceived Risks: Provide approaches to mitigate risks, such as addressing the fear of complex implementations or concerns about ROI timelines.
- Building Consensus: How to create internal champions within the customer's organization who will advocate for Splunk's adoption (implicitly covering Champion development and handling competition).

## Learn to close deals effectively by understanding the sales process.

• Finalising Deals: Use Splunk's value propositions to justify

- pricing and terms, ensuring the customer sees long-term benefits.
- Supporting Post-Sale Success: Provide strategies for ensuring success in post-sale support, such as fostering ongoing customer engagement and ensuring solution adoption (implicitly covering Paper Process and Champion development).

#### Q&A and Wrap-Up:

- Open the floor for questions and discussion.
- Discuss actionable next steps, focusing on applying these strategies to anyupcoming sales opportunities.

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