

# TfFC Using Studio

## 1. Introduction & Views



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# 0. Welcome

About this training - WIIFY

- Goal :
  - Show the potential
  - Give a general understanding >< Being exhaustive (and exhausting !)

To make sure you have the tools you'll need in your daily activities

# TfFC Using Studio Agenda

|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 1. | <b>Introduction &amp; views</b> |
| 2. | Automation & Access Rights      |
| 3. | Reports                         |
| 4. | Create a new app                |

# Introduction & Views

**1.**

Introduction to Studio

**2.**

Technical Concepts : Quick Refresher

**3.**

Technical Concept : Views

**4.**

Exercices



# Introduction

**Warning !**



# Elevator Pitch : Studio

- With vs Without Studio
- Test, Phase & Send to Production with only a few clicks (Studio Module)





# A few words on PM

## Introduction

- The “Quickstart” Methodology
- The “80/20” rule
- Educate your SPOC

HOW LONG CAN YOU WORK ON MAKING A ROUTINE TASK MORE EFFICIENT BEFORE YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU SAVE? (ACROSS FIVE YEARS)

|                             |            | HOW OFTEN YOU DO THE TASK |           |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                             |            | 50/DAY                    | 5/DAY     | DAILY      | WEEKLY     | MONTHLY    | YEARLY     |
| HOW MUCH TIME YOU SHAVE OFF | 1 SECOND   | 1 DAY                     | 2 HOURS   | 30 MINUTES | 4 MINUTES  | 1 MINUTE   | 5 SECONDS  |
|                             | 5 SECONDS  | 5 DAYS                    | 12 HOURS  | 2 HOURS    | 21 MINUTES | 5 MINUTES  | 25 SECONDS |
|                             | 30 SECONDS | 4 WEEKS                   | 3 DAYS    | 12 HOURS   | 2 HOURS    | 30 MINUTES | 2 MINUTES  |
|                             | 1 MINUTE   | 8 WEEKS                   | 6 DAYS    | 1 DAY      | 4 HOURS    | 1 HOUR     | 5 MINUTES  |
|                             | 5 MINUTES  | 9 MONTHS                  | 4 WEEKS   | 6 DAYS     | 21 HOURS   | 5 HOURS    | 25 MINUTES |
|                             | 30 MINUTES |                           | 6 MONTHS  | 5 WEEKS    | 5 DAYS     | 1 DAY      | 2 HOURS    |
|                             | 1 HOUR     |                           | 10 MONTHS | 2 MONTHS   | 10 DAYS    | 2 DAYS     | 5 HOURS    |
|                             | 6 HOURS    |                           |           |            | 2 MONTHS   | 2 WEEKS    | 1 DAY      |
|                             | 1 DAY      |                           |           |            |            | 8 WEEKS    | 5 DAYS     |

# Odoo Studio :

## 3 Pitfalls to avoid to make your project a success

- Reinventing the wheel
- Customization vs Development
- Not focusing on the added value & the Business Need

# I - Reinventing the wheel

Take a look at what exists...

... More than 45 apps & 400 modules...

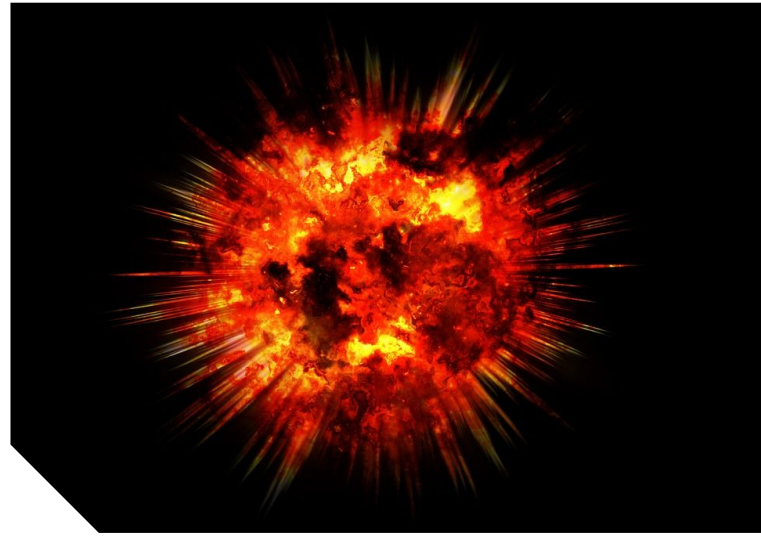
... and no need to reinvent them !

Ex : Invoicing & Sales Order



I - Two approaches,  
Same problem

# The 'Big Bang'



# The 'Creative'

## II - Customization vs Development

*“If a picture is worth a thousand words, sometimes a development is worth a thousand customizations !”*

# II - Customization vs Development

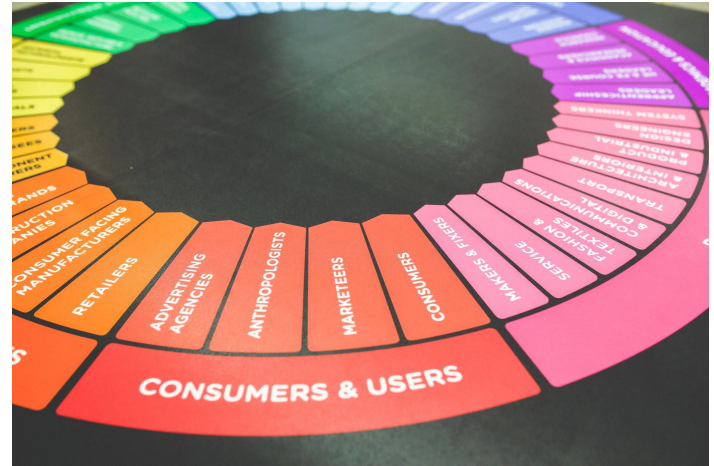
Interface Change VS Business flow

Standard Automation VS Complex Process

Adapting VS Creating

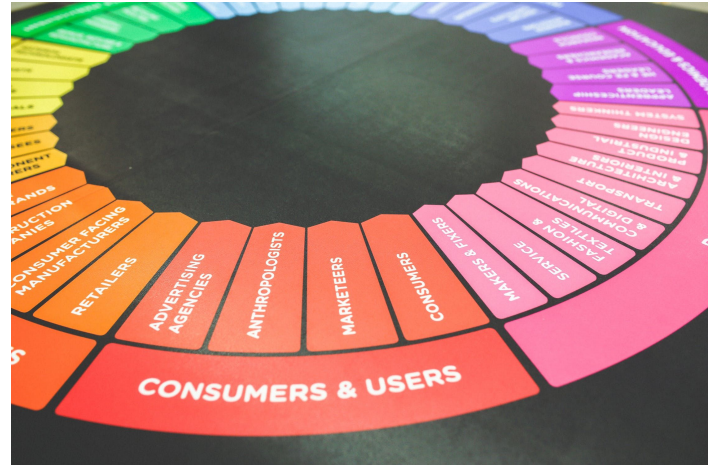
# III - Not focusing on added-value

- Is the technical cost worth it ?
  - Cost : time, money, complexity
- Does it impact a lot of users ?
  - Role distribution
- Why?
  - Why? Why? Why?....



# III - Not focusing on added-value

- Does it ease the onboarding ?
  - Not Replicating
- Does it impact the business ?
  - Think business not Odo





# IV - All in all...

-> Studio and its technical limits

-> The limit you should set yourself/your customer

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## Technical Concepts : Quick Refresher

# PostgreSQL

DataBase server



# ORM

(Object Relational Mapping)

Odoo Server



# FrontEnd

Odoo Web

# From a database to a UI

| My Contacts (res.partner data table) |               |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| name                                 | country_id    | customer |
| Brandon Freeman                      | United States | TRUE     |

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Is a Customer

# Odoo Database Structure:

## From a database to a UI

**PostgreSQL**  
DataBase server



**ORM**  
(Object Relational Mapping)  
Odoo Server



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# What is a database ?

## Comparison with the Excel file

- Sheets are models
- Columns are fields
- Rows are records

| id                          | name           | city   | email                           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| base.res_partner_1          | ASUSTeK        | Taipei | asustek@yourcompany.example.com |
| base.res_partner_address_27 | Arthur Gomez   | Taipei |                                 |
| base.res_partner_address_12 | James Miller   | Taipei |                                 |
| base.res_partner_address_2  | Joseph Walters | Taipei | joseph.walters@asustek.com      |

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# Models

SO007

Customer: China Export  
ChinaShanghai52 Chop Suey street 200000

Confirmation Date: 09/21/2017 14:43:39  
Payment Terms

Order Lines | Other Information

| Product                     | Description        | Ordered Qty | Unit Price | Taxes | Subtotal    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| [LAP-ES] Laptop E5023       | Laptop E5023       | 5.000       | 2,950.00   |       | 14,750.00 € |
| [CONS_DELO1] Server         | GrapWorks Software | 1.000       | 173.00     |       | 173.00 €    |
| [PROD_DELO2] Datacard       | Datacard           | 1.000       | 40.00      |       | 40.00 €     |
| [PROD_DEL] Switch, 24 ports | USB Adapter        | 1.000       | 18.00      |       | 18.00 €     |

Untaxed Amount: \$ 14,981.00  
Taxes: \$ 0.00  
**Total: \$ 14,981.00**

Each Odoo model is a distinct translation of a business concept.  
E.g. : An invoice, a sale order line, a customer.

But they can work together and have relationships through their fields



# Fields

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Fields are where the data is stored

Eg : Name, Status, Price, Weight, ...

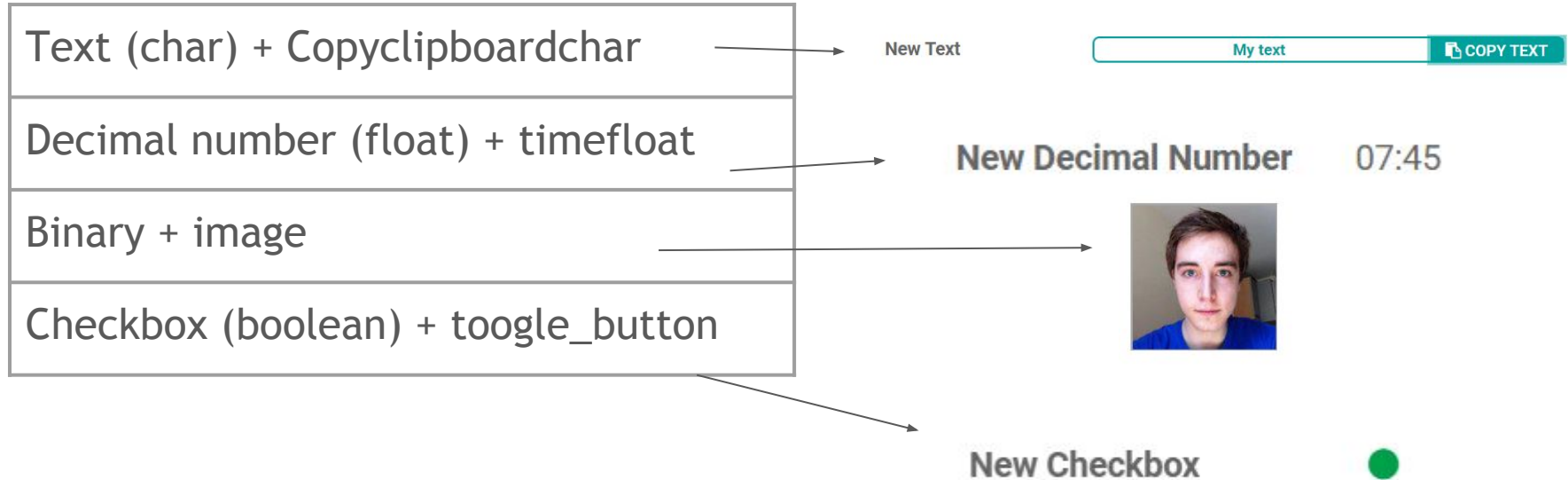
They have different types & features (e.g. : Date, Dropdown menu, ...)

*NB : Do not forget the naming conventions (“\_id” & “\_ids”)*

# Fields types

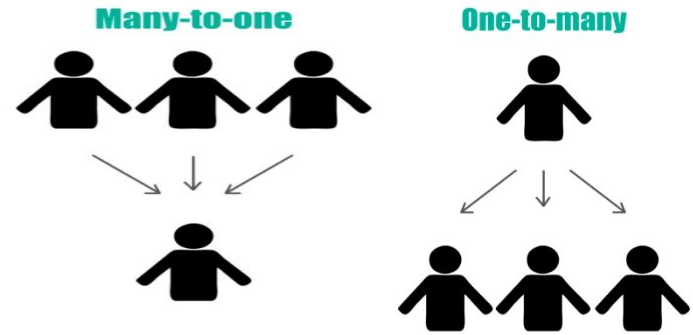
|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Text (char)              | Selection (selection) |
| Multi-line Text (text)   | HTML (html)           |
| Integer number (integer) | File (binary)         |
| Decimal number (float)   | Many2One (many2one)   |
| Date (date)              | One2many (one2many)   |
| Date & time (datetime)   | Many2Many (many2many) |
| Checkbox (boolean)       |                       |

# Fields (types) + Widgets



# Relational fields

Many2One & One2Many

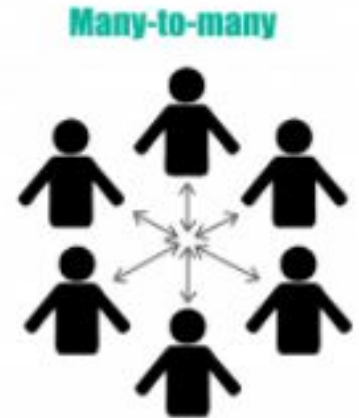
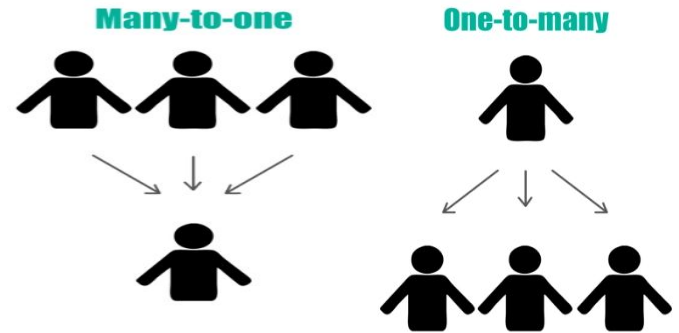


- M2O -> Many records pointing towards another one.
- O2M -> Does not exist “per se”, reverse search (M2O)

# Relational fields

Many2Many & One2One


- M2M : Many records pointing towards many records... And vice versa !
- O2O : Does not exist in Odoo, use M2O instead



# Stored and not stored

- *Is this information recorded in the DB or not?*
  - YES: Stored
  - NO: Not stored
- All newly created fields are stored except the computed / related fields
  - To store them

| Properties | Access Rights                       | Miscellaneous |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Required   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |               |
| Readonly   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |               |
| Stored     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |               |
| Indexed    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |               |
| Copied     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |               |
| Tracking   |                                     |               |



# Stored and not stored

- ***What if the field is not stored?***
  - It's not searchable
  - No *Group by* possible (not available in the pivot view)
  - Not usable in record rules (to be developed during the *Access Rights* session)
- **Why should I store an information?**
  - Performance

⇒ If you have any doubt, you can always ask to a technically skilled colleague

# Menu items

Sales

Orders

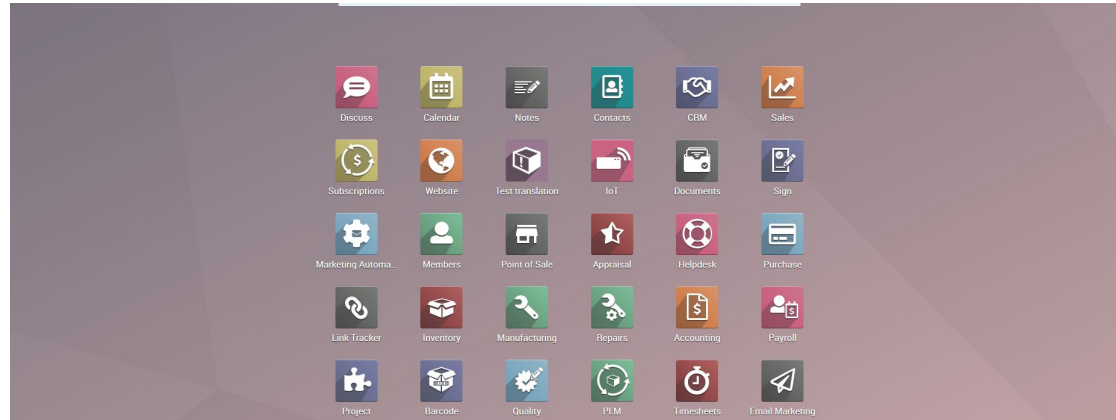
To Invoice

Products

Reporting

Configuration

- Menus allow to navigate through the different models

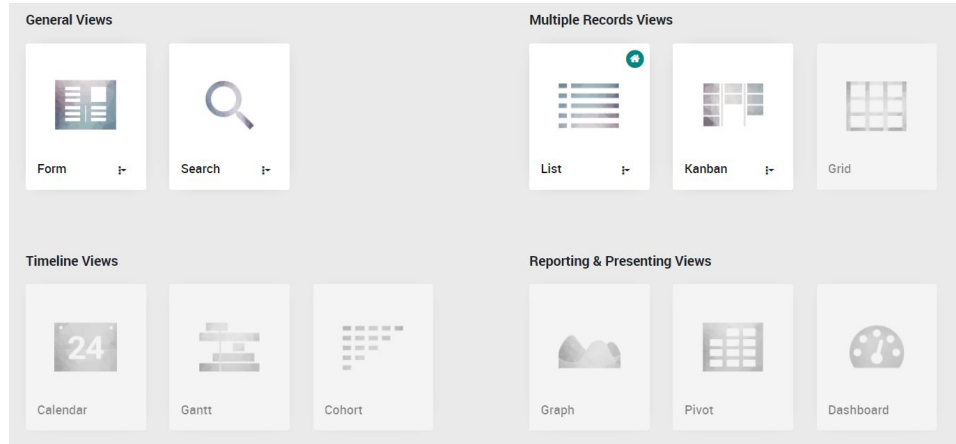






# Technical Concepts : Studio & Views

# Views



- Views are the interface that allows us to see the data in different ways (a graph, a form, a calendar, ...)
- Different view types exist and can be grouped in ‘families’
- The language used to create those views is (mostly) XML
- They’re stored in the database (Debug -> Technical -> Views)

# Basics of XML

## Entity

- Some characters have special meaning in XML
- *If you need to use them outside their initial use in the XML syntax, it will generate an error.*
- *To avoid these errors, replace the initial character with an **entity reference***

`<message>salary < 1000</message>`       $\longrightarrow$       `<message>salary &lt; 1000</message>`

| Entity reference | Character | Meaning        |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| &lt;             | <         | Less than      |
| &gt;             | >         | Greater than   |
| &amp;            | &         | Ampersand      |
| &apos;           | '         | Apostrophe     |
| &quot;           | “         | Quotation mark |

# Basics of XML

## XML & Markup

- What does XML means?

- *eXtensible Markup Language*.

→ It's a markup language just like HTML.

- Markup structure

- *All XML elements must have a closing tag.*

```
<p>This is a paragraph.</p>  
<br />
```

- *XML tags are case sensitive*

```
<Message>This is incorrect</message>  
<message>This is correct</message>
```

- *XML elements must be properly nested*

```
<b><i>This text is bold and italic</i></b>
```

- *XML can be commented*

```
<!-- This is a comment -->
```

# Basics of XML

## Element

- What is an XML element?
- *It's everything from the element's start tag to the element's end tag.*
- *An element can contain:*

→ Attributes

→ Text

→ Other elements

→ A mix of the above

```
<bookstore>
  <book category="children">
    <title>Harry Potter</title>
    <author>J K. Rowling</author>
    <year>2005</year>
    <price>29.99</price>
  </book>
```

```
<book category="web">
  <title>Learning XML</title>
  <author>Erik T. Ray</author>
  <year>2003</year>
  <price>39.95</price>
</book>
```


```
</bookstore>
```

# Basics of XML

## *Attribute*

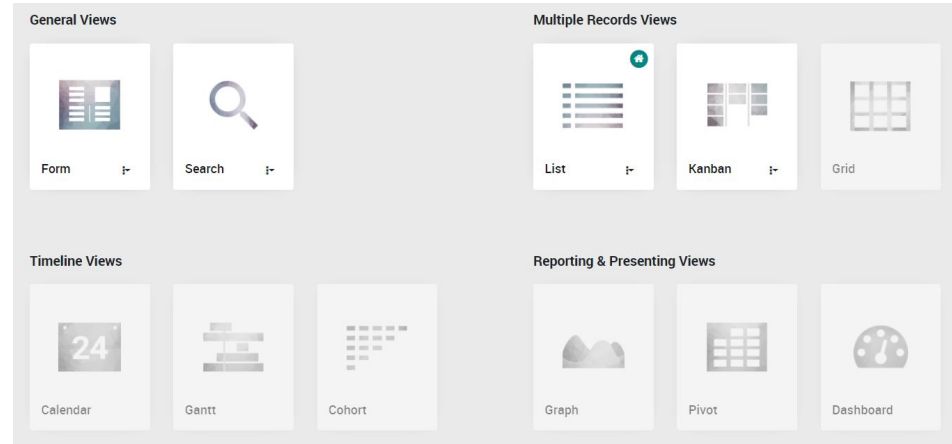
- What is an XML attribute?
- *XML elements can have attributes that qualify them.*
- *XML attribute values must be quoted*

```
<note date="12/11/2007">  
  <to>Tove</to>  
  <from>Jani</from>  
</note>
```



# Views

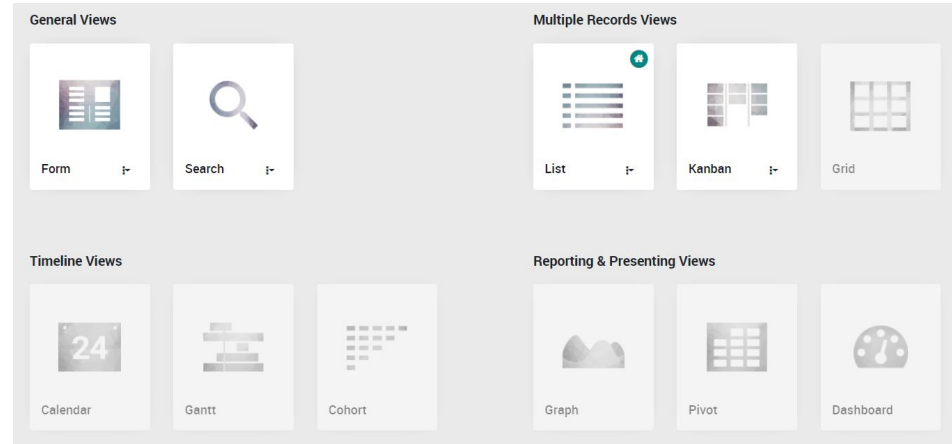
How should you choose ?



- Different usages
  - The Search view support all views and allow to filter/group/search
  - Gantt is for forecasting
  - Pivot, Graphs, ... are for reporting purposes
  - Grid is either for mass creation or reporting

# Views

How should you choose ?



- Different usages
  - Form views are used to create / edit complex records
  - List views to either provide overviews, look for records or edit simple records
  - Kanban view are built to support flows



# General constraint :

A view is always based on a single model

- Contacts
- Opportunities
- Employees
- ...

Except... ?

# Relational fields :

Example of a view showing several models

S0007


Customer Gemini Furniture  
1128 Lunetta Street  
Tampa FL 33634  
United States

Quotation Template

| Order Lines                       | Optional Products | Other Information   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Product                           |                   | Description         |
| [FURN_6666] Acoustic Bloc Screens |                   | Acoustic Bloc Panel |
| [FURN_8999] Three-Seat Sofa       |                   | Three-Seat Sofa     |
| [FURN_8888] Office Lamp           |                   | Datacard            |
| [FURN_7777] Office Chair          |                   | USB Adapter         |

```
<form string="Sales Order" class="o_sale_order">
...
<field name="partner_id">
...

<page string="Order Lines" name="order_lines">
  <field name="order_line" widget="section_and_note_one2many">
    <tree string="Sales Order Lines" editable="bottom">
      <field name="product_id"/>
      <field name="qty_delivered"/>
      <field name="price_total"/>
    </tree>
  </field>
</page>
```



# View inheritance and Studio

- Standard views and updates
- Creating Inherited views (xpath)
- Studio

# View Inheritance

- **How an inherited view looks like?**
  - *A serie of change to be applied on the initial one.*
- **Main vs. Extension**
  - *A view can be modified by inherited view.*
  - *In our case, we'll always build the inheritance by creating "Extension" views based on a Main one*
- **Sequence**
  - *Odoo applies changes in a view respecting the sequence.*  
→ The bigger the sequence is, the later your change occurs in the view
- **Change localization (WHERE)**
  - *XPATH vs. element*
  - *Keep it as simple as possible*
- **Positions (WHAT)**
  - *Before*
  - *After*
  - *Inside*

# Attributes

How to make a view dynamic

- The same field cannot have different behaviors => Solution ?
- Clearer UI
- Enforce a process (! user frustration)

|                                     |           |             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Invisible | Conditional |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Required  | Conditional |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Read only | Conditional |

# Attributes

A whole set of other tools

- Domains
- Default values
- Context
- Placeholders
- ...

## Main Attributes

- name
- readonly
- invisible
- groups
- attrs
- widget
- for (only for label)
- editable (only in tree view)
- domain
- placeholder

# Attributes : A few examples

- Sale orders
- Attachment
- Studio conditional attrs

```
<field name="validity_date" attrs="{ 'invisible': [('state', 'in', ['sale', 'done'])] }"/>
```

```
<field name="company_id" readonly="1"/>
```

```
<data>  
  <xpath expr="//form[1]/sheet[1]/group[1]/group[2]/field[@name='title']" position="attributes">  
    <attribute name="attrs">{"invisible": [{"is_company", "=", True}], "required": [{"industry_id", "=", 1}]}</attribute>  
  </xpath>  
</data>
```

# Odoo Studio Guided Tour

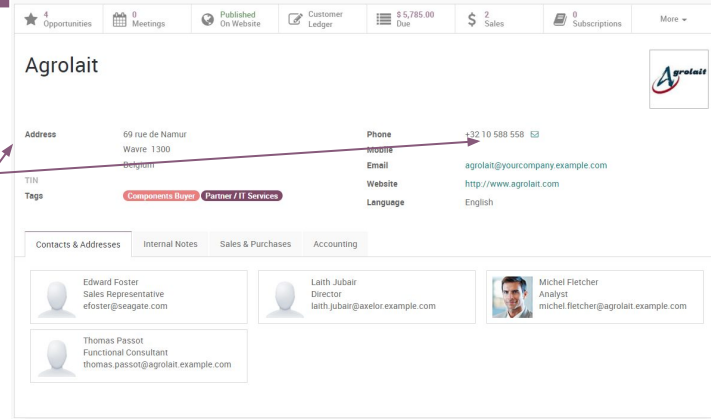
- Menus
- Views and options
- Fields and options (new and existing)

=> Explore

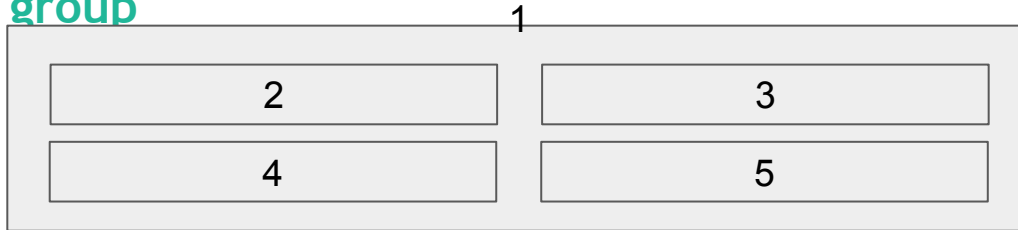


# Main Elements in Odoo

- **field**
  - *Display a field and its label.*
- **label**
  - *Give a label to another element.*



- **group**

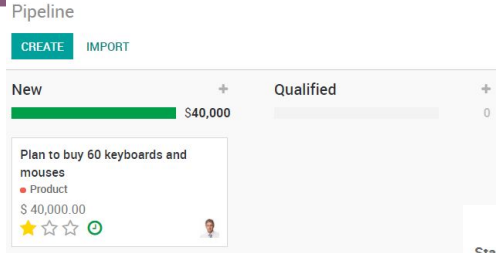


```
<group id="1">
  <group id="2">
  </group>
  <group id="3">
  </group>
  <group id="4">
  </group>
  <group id="5">
  </group>
</group>
```

# Main Elements in Odoo

- **button**

- *Display a button.*



- **separator**

- *Give a name to a section.*

- **notebook**

- *Display a sub-section in the form view.*

- **page**

- *Display a tab in a notebook.*

A form view showing several fields. 'Stage Name' is a dropdown menu with 'New' selected. 'Team' is a dropdown menu. 'Folded in Pipeline' is a checkbox. 'Requirements' is a text area.A form view showing a notebook with two tabs: 'Internal Notes' and 'Contact Information'. The 'Internal Notes' tab is active. The form contains several fields: 'Customer' (willmac@rediffmail.example.com), 'Email' (willmac@rediffmail.example.com), 'Phone', 'Salesperson' (Administrator), 'Sales Channel' (Europe), 'Expected Closing' (11/21/2017), 'Priority' (star rating), and 'Tags' (Product).



# Exercises

# Industry 2

## Business Need :

*PLZ Pick-up the Phone*© is a company active in the telemarketing industry. The main app they will work with is the CRM. For reporting as well as micro-management purposes, they would like to keep track of every call made by their employees.

The information they need are : WHO, WHEN, LENGTH OF THE CALL, STATUS, COMMENT

The different STATUS are : *Sold, Asked to call back, Fake number, Refused*

Of course, registering a new call should not erase the information from the previous one !

## Functional Analysis :

On the opportunity :

- Create a new model “call report” and link it to opportunities
- Add a data table in a new tab which users can record their calls (date, length, status, comment) line by line
- Users should be able to edit/create their reports on those lines
- A menu item should allow the managers to access all “reports” and to group/filter them

## Technical Analysis : Feasible with Studio

# Industry 3

## Business Need :

*His&Her*© is a fashion company that will heavily use the Mass Mailing module to promote their new catalogs. As such, they need to be sure of their customer gender (different campaigns). Moreover, they will heavily use titles in their email openings (ex : Miss, Mister, ...) and would like to clearly distinguish those between genders (to avoid : Dear Miss John Smith).

For them, the titles are ordered in three categories (male, female, not defined).

## Functional Analysis :

On the contacts

- Allow users to select a gender
- Make sure users can only select a title that matches the gender of the contact
- Both field should be mandatory as otherwise users won't fill them in
- Make sure users do not create new titles on the fly

## Technical Analysis : Feasible with Studio

Don't forget, if you ever have a question...



Thank you.



#TfFC

