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Executive Summary

[Oracle NetSuite](#) and Oracle CRM On Demand are both CRM solutions under the Oracle umbrella, but they serve different strategic purposes and customer profiles. **Oracle NetSuite** is a [comprehensive cloud ERP suite](#) with an integrated CRM module, targeting [mid-market and growing enterprises](#) that need an all-in-one business platform. In contrast, **Oracle CRM On Demand** is a legacy **stand-alone cloud CRM** (originally Siebel CRM On Demand) focusing on sales force automation and customer management. This report provides a detailed comparison of the two as of 2025, including features, architecture, integration, pricing, and future outlook, to guide IT decision-makers in selecting the right solution.

Key Highlights:

- **Core CRM Capabilities:** Both offer sales, marketing, and service features, but NetSuite's CRM is part of a broader ERP suite while CRM On Demand is a dedicated CRM system with deep sales automation features (e.g. embedded analytics, sales coaching) (Source: [oracle.com](#)). NetSuite delivers a **360° customer view** spanning CRM and ERP data (Source: [netsuite.com](#)), whereas CRM On Demand provides robust CRM functionalities (leads, opportunities, customer service, etc.) within a siloed CRM environment (Source: [g2.com](#)) (Source: [oracle.com](#)).
- **ERP Integration:** NetSuite's CRM is **natively unified** with its [ERP and financials](#), enabling seamless order management, billing, and fulfillment linked to CRM records. By contrast, Oracle CRM On Demand requires integration with back-end systems – Oracle provided integration packs to connect it with Oracle E-Business Suite for quote-to-order processes (Source: [docs.oracle.com](#)) – meaning **additional integration effort** for ERP connectivity.

- Cloud Architecture:** Both are cloud-based SaaS solutions, but NetSuite was built as a multi-tenant cloud suite from inception, with **all customers on the latest version via automatic updates** (Source: [frost.com](https://www.frost.com)) (Source: [frost.com](https://www.frost.com)). CRM On Demand is also delivered as SaaS and has been transitioned to Oracle's Gen2 OCI infrastructure (Source: support.oracle.com), with options for **single-tenant instances** for compliance needs (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)). NetSuite's architecture emphasizes uniformity and continuous upgrades for all customers, while CRM On Demand's single-tenant option offers more control over upgrade timing at the cost of a dedicated environment (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)) (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)).
- AI & Automation:** Oracle is investing heavily in NetSuite's [AI and automation capabilities](https://www.oracle.com). In 2024, NetSuite introduced **embedded generative AI tools** (e.g. automated text generation for content, AI-driven invoice data capture) to streamline workflows (Source: [netsuite.com](https://www.netsuite.com)) (Source: [netsuite.com](https://www.netsuite.com)). NetSuite leverages Oracle Cloud Infrastructure's AI/ML services to deliver these features (Source: [frost.com](https://www.frost.com)). Oracle CRM On Demand, being older, offers traditional analytics and some automation (like auto-forecasting) but **lacks advanced AI** features; Oracle explicitly notes that newer Oracle CX Cloud solutions provide AI, bots, and 360° data benefits "*over and beyond CRM On Demand*" (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)). In practice, organizations on CRM On Demand would need to migrate to Oracle's modern CX suite to gain comparable AI-driven capabilities (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)).
- User Interface and UX:** [NetSuite's web interface has gradually modernized](https://www.netsuite.com) and allows extensive personalization (dashboards, saved searches, etc.), though it can be complex given its ERP scope. Oracle CRM On Demand's UI, while functional, is often described as **dated by today's standards** – for example, users report the interface "could be improved... which some users find to be outdated" (Source: [softwareadvice.com](https://www.softwareadvice.com)). This can impact user adoption. Oracle has improved CRM On Demand's usability in recent releases (e.g. Release 41 added inline editing of list records and modern browser support) but overall it reflects an older design paradigm (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)) (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)).
- Scalability and Performance:** Both platforms are scalable and used by organizations of various sizes. NetSuite, with ~38,000+ customers in 2024 (Source: [erpglobalinsights.com](https://www.erpglobalinsights.com)) (over 37,000 per Frost & Sullivan (Source: [frost.com](https://www.frost.com))), serves many midsize firms and some large enterprises (often in a divisional context). Its multi-tenant cloud is designed for performance at scale across that broad user base. Oracle CRM On Demand has been used by large enterprises in the past and reportedly has a **substantial user base (around 5 million users worldwide)** (Source: [readycontacts.com](https://www.readycontacts.com)), indicating it can handle significant scale as well. Oracle's cloud data centers and optimizations (like OCI "supercluster" technology for NetSuite (Source: [frost.com](https://www.frost.com))) provide enterprise-grade performance for both. However, NetSuite's scalability benefits from being a unified suite (reducing data fragmentation), while CRM On Demand may encounter integration-related scalability challenges when connecting to numerous external systems.
- Customization and Extensibility:** NetSuite offers a rich platform (SuiteCloud) for [customization](https://www.oracle.com) – including **SuiteScript (JavaScript API)** for custom business logic and **SuiteFlow** for no-code workflow automation (Source: [linealcpa.com](https://www.linealcpa.com)) – enabling deep tailoring of the system. Customers can add custom fields/objects, modify processes, and even build new modules, with customizations preserved through upgrades. Oracle CRM On Demand also provides extensive configuration capabilities (point-and-click tools to add fields, objects, change UI, etc.) and ensures customizations don't break on upgrades (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)) (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com))=With%20Oracle%20CRM%20On%20Demand%2C,Demand%E2%80%99s%20certified%20consultants%20can%20help). CRM On Demand allows UI-level, process-level, and data model customizations without coding (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)). However, it is more **configuration-driven** (no built-in scripting language; any complex logic would rely on external integrations via its Web Services API (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)) (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com))). In summary, both can be adapted to company-specific needs, but NetSuite provides a more robust developer platform for advanced extensions, whereas CRM On Demand focuses on no-code configuration within the CRM domain.
- Vertical Industry Support:** NetSuite supports a wide range of industries through its **SuiteSuccess industry editions** and modules (e.g. wholesale distribution, manufacturing, professional services, software, nonprofit, retail, etc.). It natively handles multi-subsidiary accounting (NetSuite OneWorld) and localization for 100+ countries (Source: [netsuite.com](https://www.netsuite.com)) (Source: [netsuite.com](https://www.netsuite.com)), making it suitable for global companies. Oracle CRM On Demand historically offered **industry-specific versions** such as Life Sciences Edition and a Wealth Management edition for financial services (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)). These provide pre-built data models and workflows (for example, call planning for pharmaceuticals in the Life Sciences Edition). While CRM On Demand's vertical solutions address CRM processes in those industries, NetSuite's industry solutions encompass the full ERP+CRM needs (e.g., inventory for distribution, project management for services). Both products have partner ecosystems and templates for verticals, but NetSuite's breadth of ERP functionality means it can cover operational processes in those industries in addition to CRM.

- Security and Compliance:** As Oracle cloud services, both products adhere to high security standards. **Data security** features include encryption, role-based access controls, and regular SOC audits. Oracle CRM On Demand's single-tenant offering is specifically geared for customers with stringent compliance needs – each customer gets a dedicated database and app server (Source: oracle.com), helping meet regulatory requirements in sectors like government, healthcare, and banking (Source: oracle.com). Oracle even offers a HIPAA Security Service add-on for CRM On Demand to support health data compliance (Source: oracle.com). NetSuite operates in a multi-tenant model but leverages Oracle's secure OCI data centers and benefits from Oracle's enterprise security practices (such as ISO 27001 compliance and GDPR readiness). Both services have uptime SLAs and Oracle's global support. For organizations with extreme compliance requirements who prefer isolated environments, CRM On Demand Single-Tenant can be a fit (Source: oracle.com); otherwise, NetSuite's cloud has proven security for thousands of organizations worldwide.
- Pricing and Contract Model:** The pricing structures differ significantly. **NetSuite** is sold as an annual subscription to the suite (with a base platform fee for a chosen edition plus per-user licenses for each full user). NetSuite's editions start at approximately **\$1,000 per month (Starter)** for small businesses, around **\$2,500/month (Mid-Market)**, and ~\$5,000/month for Enterprise edition, each including a bundle of users (Source: diamondcareservice.com)(Source: diamondcareservice.com). In 2025, a **full NetSuite user license** costs roughly **\$129 per user per month** (recently increased from \$99) (Source: diamondcareservice.com), with volume discounts and cheaper employee self-service user options available (Source: diamondcareservice.com). NetSuite subscriptions typically require at least a one-year contract, paid upfront, though Oracle and partners can arrange financing for quarterly or monthly payment plans (Source: techfino.com). **Oracle CRM On Demand**, in contrast, has a simpler per-seat SaaS pricing. It has been advertised starting at **around \$70 per user per month**(Source: linguee.com) (for base SFA functionality), usually sold via annual contracts as well. CRM On Demand doesn't involve separate module fees for ERP (since it's CRM-only), though certain add-ons (like Connected Mobile Sales or industry editions) may influence pricing. Contractually, enterprises often negotiate multi-year deals for better rates in both cases. It's worth noting that **NetSuite's licensing is more complex** due to modular add-ons (CRM, ERP modules, e-commerce, etc.) and required minimums, whereas CRM On Demand's licensing is straightforward per named user for the service. Both fall under Oracle's cloud subscription agreements, with **Premier Support included** in the subscription fees. NetSuite and Oracle CRM On Demand subscriptions both include regular updates and support, but NetSuite's renewal negotiations can be a significant consideration (list prices can increase, so many clients lock in multi-year terms).
- Customer Adoption and Market Position:** NetSuite is **marketed as a leading cloud ERP for mid-market companies**, and by extension provides a capable CRM for those customers. Industry analysts consistently place Oracle NetSuite as a leader in cloud ERP (e.g., a Leader in Gartner's Magic Quadrant for Cloud Core Financial Management Suites) (Source: erglobalinsights.com). NetSuite's CRM is not usually purchased standalone; it's chosen by organizations that want an integrated suite (some use NetSuite's CRM in tandem with or instead of Salesforce, and Oracle even provides a Salesforce connector for NetSuite for flexibility (Source: netsuite.com)). Oracle CRM On Demand, on the other hand, was one of the early SaaS CRM offerings and competed with Salesforce in the 2000s. However, Oracle **now considers CRM On Demand a legacy solution** – in Gartner Peer Insights it's literally labeled "Oracle CRM On Demand (Legacy)" and has a smaller market presence. Its user satisfaction remains decent (Gartner Peer rating ~4.3/5 as of 2025) and some organizations still use it effectively for SFA. But **new Oracle CRM customers are generally directed to Oracle Fusion Cloud CX** (Sales, Service, etc.) rather than CRM On Demand. Oracle's messaging encourages CRM On Demand customers to migrate to the modern CX suite to avoid "functional gaps" and gain access to newer capabilities (Source: oracle.com). CRM On Demand's market share is therefore shrinking relative to newer cloud CRM rivals. For context, one analysis estimated NetSuite CRM+ at about **1.1% market share vs. Oracle CRM On Demand's 0.06%** in the CRM platforms space (Source: 6sense.com) – an indicator that CRM On Demand is no longer widely adopted for new deployments. Oracle's own reports emphasize NetSuite's tens of thousands of customers across diverse sectors (Source: frost.com), whereas CRM On Demand's customer count is no longer publicly emphasized (ReadyContacts claims ~5 million total users historically) (Source: readycontacts.com). In summary, **NetSuite is positioned as a growth platform**, while CRM On Demand is **positioned as a stable but sunset-bound solution** primarily for existing customers.
- Oracle's Strategic Roadmap:** Oracle's strategy for NetSuite is aggressive investment and expansion. Since acquiring NetSuite in 2016, Oracle has maintained NetSuite as a separate global business unit, expanded its global data centers, and rolled out continuous enhancements (two major releases annually). Recent roadmap themes for NetSuite include leveraging Oracle's technology (OCI infrastructure, AI/ML, Oracle Analytics) to strengthen the suite (Source: frost.com), extending industry-specific capabilities, and improving the user experience (e.g. the planned adoption of Oracle's **Redwood** UX design in NetSuite's interface). NetSuite's roadmap in 2024-2025 prominently features **AI-driven automation** (as seen with 2024's AI additions) and international expansion (more localizations and data centers to support more countries). Conversely, Oracle's roadmap for CRM On Demand is centered on **transition**,

not new features. Oracle continues to provide maintenance updates (the latest Release 49 in 2024 included technical updates like time zone adjustments (Source: docs.oracle.com) and minor usability tweaks), but there are **no major innovations announced** for CRM On Demand. Oracle has “aligned CRM On Demand and Oracle CX roadmaps” to ease migrations (Source: oracle.com), signaling that any new CRM capabilities will be delivered via the Oracle Fusion Cloud CX suite. Oracle has also built migration tools and trained partners to help CRM On Demand customers move to Oracle CX (Source: oracle.com). **No end-of-life date has been publicly announced** for CRM On Demand as of 2025 – Oracle continues to support it (likely under indefinite Sustaining Support for customers who remain). However, Oracle’s support documents and communications strongly imply that CRM On Demand will not be enhanced significantly going forward. Clients are advised to plan for a transition to avoid being on an aging platform in the long term.

Below is a side-by-side summary of the two products:

ASPECT	ORACLE NETSUITE (ERP SUITE WITH CRM)	ORACLE CRM ON DEMAND (LEGACY STAND-ALONE CRM)
General Positioning	Cloud ERP+CRM business suite for mid-market; one unified platform for finance, operations, and CRM (Source: netsuite.com). Oracle's primary mid-market cloud offering, acquired in 2016 (NetSuite founded 1998).	Cloud CRM application (SaaS) focusing on sales, marketing, service. Launched mid-2000s (as Siebel On Demand) and now considered a legacy Oracle CX product (Source: oracle.com). Often used by existing Oracle CRM customers; not actively sold for new large deployments.
CRM Functional Scope	Integrated CRM module covering SFA (leads, opportunities, forecasts), marketing automation, and customer support/case management (Source: docs.oracle.com)(Source: netsuite.com). Tightly linked with order management, inventory, and other ERP data for a complete customer view. Has partner relationship management (PRM) and e-commerce (SuiteCommerce) integration.	Full-featured CRM: sales force automation, contact & account management, opportunity tracking, lead management, marketing campaigns, customer service cases, and analytics. Known for features like auto-forecasting, sales coaching, and closed-loop lead management to boost sales effectiveness (Source: oracle.com). Lacks native ERP functions – purely CRM-focused.
ERP Integration	Native – part of the same system as financials/ERP. CRM data (quotes, orders) flow directly into NetSuite ERP. Also offers a pre-built connector to Salesforce for flexibility (Source: netsuite.com). Ideal for companies seeking all-in-one solution.	Needs integration for ERP. Oracle provided integration packs (e.g. to Oracle E-Business Suite) to connect CRM On Demand with back-end order management (Source: docs.oracle.com). Otherwise relies on SOAP APIs for integration. Not inherently connected to an ERP – requires additional effort to sync data (orders, invoices, etc.).
Cloud Architecture	Multi-tenant SaaS ; all customers on the latest release (automatic biannual upgrades). Runs on Oracle Cloud Infrastructure; benefits from OCI's performance and global data centers. Highly scalable shared model (configurable per customer but single code-line) (Source: frost.com) (Source: frost.com).	Multi-tenant SaaS by default <i>with</i> Single-tenant options. CRM On Demand runs in Oracle's cloud data centers, and as of 2021, it was migrated to Oracle Gen2 OCI infrastructure (Source: support.oracle.com). Standard deployment is multi-tenant (all customers get updates), but Single-Tenant Edition gives a dedicated database/app server (Source: oracle.com) for compliance or isolation, allowing controlled upgrade timing and isolated performance.
AI and Automation	Modern AI features emerging: 2024 releases added OCI-powered generative AI for text/content creation and AP invoice scanning, plus machine-learning in analytics (Source: netsuite.com)(Source: netsuite.com). SuiteAnalytics provides built-in BI; SuiteFlow automates workflows; SuiteAssistant (introduced earlier) provides some predictive suggestions. Oracle plans to embed more AI across NetSuite (leveraging Oracle AI cloud services) (Source: frost.com).	Traditional CRM automation: workflow rules, assignment rules, email triggers, etc. Offers real-time and historical analytics, and even mobile AI apps in the past (e.g. a sales prediction tool), but no embedded generative AI or advanced ML in the core application. Oracle touts that migrating to Fusion CX brings AI chatbots, predictive analytics, etc., which exceed CRM On Demand's capabilities (Source: oracle.com).
User Interface (UI/UX)	Web-based interface, refreshed over years. Provides customizable dashboards and reports. UI is functional but can be complex due to breadth; navigation and form design are improving (Oracle has hinted at a future UI overhaul using Redwood design). Supports browser and mobile (NetSuite has a mobile app). Overall a modern enterprise UI, though some users find it less slick than newer pure-play CRMs.	Web-based interface that is dated in look-and-feel . While Oracle has improved usability (e.g. inline edits, modern browser support in Release 41 (Source: oracle.com)(Source: oracle.com)), the design reflects early-2010s web UI. Some users report it "feels less intuitive and modern compared to newer CRM platforms" (Source: softwareadvice.com). Oracle did offer a mobile app (Connected Mobile Sales) for CRM On Demand, but overall UX is its weak point relative to contemporary solutions.
Scalability	Proven scalable to thousands of users and large transaction volumes. Supports multi-subsidiary enterprises (NetSuite OneWorld) with global consolidations. The multi-tenant	Also scalable – used by large enterprises in its heyday; Oracle quoted ~5 million total users on the platform (Source: readycontacts.com). Multi-tenant architecture ensures

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	cloud can dynamically allocate resources; Oracle cites large implementations in various sectors (NetSuite has 38k+ customers) (Source: erglobalinsights.com). Often used by mid-size firms, but also some larger enterprises (via divisions).	performance tuning at the cloud level, and single-tenant option allows dedicated performance if needed. Capable of enterprise-scale SFA, though very large deployments might have moved to Siebel CRM or Oracle CX by now. In 2025, mostly mid-size usage.
Customization	SuiteCloud Platform: rich customization via SuiteBuilder (no-code custom fields/forms), SuiteFlow (no-code workflows), SuiteScript (JavaScript scripting), and SuiteTalk (web services API). Can extend functionality extensively – e.g. custom transaction types, scripting validations, integrating external apps. Customizations survive upgrades. Requires some technical skill for scripting, but very powerful (the platform is a PaaS for partners/customers) (Source: linealcpa.com).	Point-and-click configuration: Highly configurable at UI, process, and data levels without coding (Source: oracle.com). Admins can add custom fields/objects, modify page layouts, create custom analytics, and set up workflow rules. The system is designed so that these configurations don't break on upgrades (Source: oracle.com). No native server-side scripting for custom logic (beyond formula fields); advanced extensions typically rely on the CRM On Demand API and external applications. Suitable for organizations that want to avoid heavy coding and stick to standard CRM processes.
Vertical Solutions	Broad industry coverage – NetSuite has pre-configured "SuiteSuccess" editions for wholesale distribution, manufacturing, professional services (including PSA module), software (with subscription billing), non-profits, retail (with e-commerce), and more. Supports industry-specific requirements (e.g. revenue recognition for software/SAAS, project accounting for services, lot tracking for manufacturing). Backed by a large partner network offering industry add-ons.	Several industry editions of CRM On Demand were offered: e.g. Life Sciences Edition (with structured visit planning for pharma sales reps) (Source: docs.oracle.com), Financial Services – Wealth Management, Insurance Edition, etc. These provided industry-specific data models (like financial account records for wealth management) and analytics. While helpful for CRM processes in those industries, they address only the CRM aspect (sales/service) – companies in those verticals would need separate systems for ERP or rely on integration with core systems.
Security & Compliance	Enterprise-grade security under Oracle Cloud: data encryption in transit and at rest, robust role-based access, SAML 2.0 SSO, MFA options. Undergoes regular audits (SOC 1, SOC 2 reports available). Oracle's global data centers provide compliance with data residency laws, and NetSuite supports GDPR features. While multi-tenant, strict tenant isolation is enforced. Often used in financial services, healthcare, etc., with required certifications.	Also secured by Oracle's cloud policies. Single-Tenant Enterprise Edition offers each customer an isolated environment (dedicated DB and app server) to meet strict regulatory requirements (Source: oracle.com). Oracle's hosting for CRM On Demand is described as world-class, serving even government and banking clients with high security needs (Source: oracle.com). Supports SSO integration and encryption. Additionally, Oracle offered a HIPAA Security Service for healthcare clients to ensure HIPAA compliance on CRM On Demand (Source: oracle.com). Thus, CRM On Demand can be compliant with various regulations, though some security features (e.g. field-level encryption or advanced identity management) might not be as modern as in Oracle's latest CX cloud.

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Pricing Model	Subscription licensing – annual contract (typically) with upfront payment. Base platform fee depends on edition (Starter ~\$12K/year, Mid-Market ~\$30K/year, etc. as ballpark (Source: diamondcareservice.com)) and number of modules enabled. Named user licenses ~\$129 per user/month for full users (Source: diamondcareservice.com), with cheaper licenses for employee self-service or “light” users (Source: diamondcareservice.com). Usually sold via Oracle or reseller partners, who can tailor quotes. Multi-year commitments often yield better discounts. Implementation services are a significant additional cost (partners or Oracle).	Subscription per user per month , often billed annually. Starting at ~\$70/user/month for core SFA functionality (Source: linguee.com) (pricing may vary by volume and any add-on features like industry editions). No large upfront fees aside from possibly a minimum user count. TCO is generally lower than NetSuite if only CRM is needed, since you’re not paying for ERP modules. Oracle includes support in the subscription. Contracts can be yearly or multi-year. Implementation is simpler (CRM On Demand can be configured relatively quickly), so services cost is lower than a full ERP project.
Customer Base & Use Cases	~ 38,000 customers globally (as of 2024) across many sectors (Source: erglobalinsights.com) – especially strong in product-centric industries (wholesale, manufacturing, retail), services firms, and software/technology companies. Typical customer is a mid-sized enterprise looking to run financials, inventory, and CRM in one system to improve data visibility and efficiency. Also used by divisions of large enterprises and fast-growing small businesses that outgrew entry-level software.	Was popular with enterprises in the 2000s for quick SFA deployment. Today, used mainly by existing Oracle customers (often those who adopted it years ago) in sectors like pharma, finance, etc., who haven’t yet migrated to Oracle Fusion CX or another CRM. Known deployments include sales teams needing a solid, straightforward CRM with Oracle reliability. New standalone CRM buyers in 2025 would rarely choose CRM On Demand over more modern options; its current use cases are largely legacy support – organizations extending its use until they transition to a next-generation CRM.
Strategic Outlook (2025)	Continuous growth and innovation. Oracle positions NetSuite as a cornerstone of its cloud business. Roadmap includes expanded AI/automation, global expansion, and deeper industry functionality. NetSuite is receiving significant R&D; for example, Oracle is embedding generative AI across the suite for predictive insights and process automation (Source: frost.com). Oracle is also integrating NetSuite more with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure services (analytics, integration tools) to enrich its capabilities. Expect regular releases with new features. NetSuite’s viability is excellent for the long term, with Oracle committing to making it “the #1 cloud ERP” for mid-market.	Maintenance mode and migration. Oracle’s strategy is to encourage migration from CRM On Demand to Oracle Fusion Cloud CX. While Oracle continues to support CRM On Demand (current Release 49 and beyond) and will fix issues or make minor enhancements, there is <i>no major new functionality</i> planned. Oracle has aligned the CRM On Demand roadmap with Fusion CX to ensure feature parity during migrations (Source: oracle.com), and many customers have already transitioned (Source: oracle.com). The product has not been formally sunset as of 2025, but all signals point to eventual deprecation once customers are migrated. Enterprises should view CRM On Demand as a legacy bridge solution and plan for the next-generation CRM environment in the coming years.

Recommendations and Conclusion

Choosing Between Oracle NetSuite and Oracle CRM On Demand in 2025 ultimately depends on an enterprise’s broader application strategy and requirements beyond CRM itself. Given the information above, a clear pattern emerges: **Oracle NetSuite is the forward-looking choice** for organizations that want a unified platform and are either implementing enterprise applications anew or replacing legacy systems wholesale. **Oracle CRM On Demand, by contrast, is only recommended in niche scenarios** – primarily if an organization is already deeply invested in it and needs a short-term extension before migrating to a modern CRM.

For enterprises evaluating these two options, we offer the following strategic recommendations:

- Leverage NetSuite for an Integrated Suite Strategy:** If your enterprise is looking not just for CRM, but also needs to modernize ERP, financials, or e-commerce, **Oracle NetSuite provides a comprehensive solution.** It is ideal for mid-sized companies or divisions of larger firms that want a single system for end-to-end business operations. NetSuite's CRM capabilities are sufficient for many use cases (especially when having real-time integration with orders, inventory, support cases, etc. is a priority). The suite's strength is in eliminating data silos – sales people, finance staff, and operations all share the same data. Enterprises that choose NetSuite should be prepared for the complexity of an ERP implementation and subscription costs that include more than just CRM, but the ROI can be high due to process automation across departments. Gartner Peer reviews note that NetSuite CRM gives a true 360° view and even supports partner relationship management in one system (Source: [gartner.com](https://www.gartner.com)). **Recommendation:** Choose NetSuite if you envision a unified cloud platform for ERP and CRM; it will position your organization for efficiency and Oracle's continued innovations in that platform (AI, global scalability, etc.).
- Avoid New Adoptions of CRM On Demand:** Oracle CRM On Demand may still appear as an option for a pure CRM need, but **we strongly caution against selecting it for new CRM deployments in 2025.** Oracle's own messaging and the lack of recent innovation indicate that this product is in decline. While it is stable and capable in core CRM functions, any new adopter would be starting on a platform that Oracle is actively moving away from. Instead, if an Oracle-centric CRM is desired without NetSuite's ERP, consider Oracle's **Fusion Cloud CX (Sales)** offering, which is the strategic successor. Oracle Fusion Sales (part of Oracle Cloud CX) has modern features (AI-driven recommendations, modern UI, integration with Oracle Cloud ERP, etc.) that align with future needs, whereas CRM On Demand does not. **Recommendation:** Only consider CRM On Demand if you are an existing customer needing to buy a bit more time on the platform; even then, engage Oracle or partners about a **migration roadmap** to a modern CRM solution.
- For Existing CRM On Demand Customers – Plan Migration:** If your enterprise currently uses Oracle CRM On Demand, the writing on the wall is clear. Oracle is providing tools and partner support to help you migrate off this platform (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com)). You should assess Oracle's Fusion CX suite as the natural upgrade, especially if you have Oracle CRM On Demand customizations that Oracle claims can be matched in Fusion CX (the roadmap alignment suggests Oracle has closed functional gaps (Source: [oracle.com](https://www.oracle.com))). Another path is evaluating NetSuite CRM if you also foresee an ERP change – for instance, some CRM On Demand customers running Oracle EBS on-premises might decide to replace both EBS and CRM On Demand with NetSuite's cloud suite. However, note that NetSuite CRM is generally best if you adopt the whole NetSuite ERP; it's not a standalone CRM to bolt onto other ERPs easily (though integration is possible). **Recommendation:** Develop a transition plan within the next 1-3 years. Oracle CRM On Demand can still serve your needs in the interim, but you should avoid heavy new investments (like large-scale customization projects) on this platform. Instead, allocate budget and resources to migrating users, data, and processes to Oracle's strategic CRM platform (be it Oracle Fusion Sales or NetSuite, depending on your broader IT landscape).
- Consider Total Cost of Ownership and Contract Terms:** Enterprises must also weigh the cost implications. NetSuite, while feature-rich, entails a broader implementation and higher subscription costs (since it's an ERP suite). Its **TCO can be justified** if you benefit from consolidating many systems into one (CRM, ERP, etc.), but if you only need CRM functionality, it might be overkill. Oracle CRM On Demand's license cost is lower on a per-user basis (Source: [linguee.com](https://www.linguee.com)), and it could be spun up faster for a specific CRM project. But given its limited future, any short-term savings could be negated by migration costs later. From a contract perspective, NetSuite will likely lock in a multi-year subscription (standard practice is a 3-year initial term via partners), whereas CRM On Demand might offer more flexibility. That said, Oracle's sales approach nowadays is to encourage multi-year Cloud commitment for any product. **Recommendation:** If choosing NetSuite, negotiate contract terms carefully – ensure you have provisions for adding users or modules with limited price escalation, and aim for a SuiteSuccess implementation to accelerate time-to-value. If you are extending CRM On Demand usage, work with Oracle on perhaps a short-term renewal that aligns with your migration timeline (Oracle might even offer incentives to move to Fusion CX).
- Match the Solution to Your Business Complexity:** If your enterprise process is sales-focused and relatively standard (manage leads, pipeline, accounts, and basic service cases), **CRM On Demand functionally can handle it** – it has the necessary features and can be configured to fit your terminology and process. However, if your processes extend into order management, or you need sophisticated quote-to-cash in one system, CRM On Demand would require integration to an ERP, adding complexity. NetSuite shines in scenarios where the sales process is tightly coupled with fulfillment (e.g. a salesperson can enter an order that flows to fulfillment in the same system). Moreover, NetSuite's CRM is advantageous when post-sales processes (support renewals, subscriptions, project delivery) are part of the customer lifecycle you want to manage centrally. **Recommendation:** Map out your business processes end-to-end. If they

cross into ERP territory, lean towards NetSuite for a seamless solution. If they truly stay within the realm of customer relationships (and you have an existing ERP you plan to keep), you might consider Oracle's standalone CX or even other CRM tools rather than NetSuite or CRM On Demand.

In conclusion, **Oracle NetSuite and Oracle CRM On Demand occupy very different stages in Oracle's product evolution.** NetSuite represents Oracle's future-facing cloud suite for midsize enterprises – it's growing, getting new features (especially in AI and industry depth), and has a robust roadmap. Oracle CRM On Demand, while a solid CRM system in its time, is now a legacy offering with an uncertain lifespan, maintained mainly for continuity of existing customers. Enterprises should therefore approach the decision not as choosing two equal alternatives, but as choosing between a **modern integrated suite** versus a **stop-gap CRM solution**. For most scenarios in 2025, the strategic choice will be **Oracle NetSuite or Oracle Fusion Cloud CX**, depending on whether an ERP replacement is in scope. Oracle CRM On Demand's role has diminished to the point where it's rarely the optimal strategic choice for a forward-looking CRM initiative.

Bottom Line: Choose **Oracle NetSuite** if you want an all-in-one cloud suite and are aligning with Oracle's mid-market ERP/CRM vision – it will offer breadth, modern tech (with continued improvements), and a unified data model at the cost of higher investment. Avoid heavy new investment in **Oracle CRM On Demand**; if you are already on it, use it only as long as necessary and actively plan for a transition to Oracle's next-gen Customer Experience cloud or another modern CRM to future-proof your enterprise's CRM capabilities.

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About Houseblend

HouseBlend.io is a specialist NetSuite™ consultancy built for organizations that want ERP and integration projects to accelerate growth—not slow it down. Founded in Montréal in 2019, the firm has become a trusted partner for venture-backed scale-ups and global mid-market enterprises that rely on mission-critical data flows across commerce, finance and operations. HouseBlend's mandate is simple: blend proven business process design with deep technical execution so that clients unlock the full potential of NetSuite while maintaining the agility that first made them successful.

Much of that momentum comes from founder and Managing Partner **Nicolas Bean**, a former Olympic-level athlete and 15-year NetSuite veteran. Bean holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from École Polytechnique de Montréal and is triple-certified as a NetSuite ERP Consultant, Administrator and SuiteAnalytics User. His résumé includes four end-to-end corporate turnarounds—two of them M&A exits—giving him a rare ability to

translate boardroom strategy into line-of-business realities. Clients frequently cite his direct, “coach-style” leadership for keeping programs on time, on budget and firmly aligned to ROI.

End-to-end NetSuite delivery. HouseBlend’s core practice covers the full ERP life-cycle: readiness assessments, Solution Design Documents, agile implementation sprints, remediation of legacy customisations, data migration, user training and post-go-live hyper-care. Integration work is conducted by in-house developers certified on SuiteScript, SuiteTalk and RESTlets, ensuring that Shopify, Amazon, Salesforce, HubSpot and more than 100 other SaaS endpoints exchange data with NetSuite in real time. The goal is a single source of truth that collapses manual reconciliation and unlocks enterprise-wide analytics.

Managed Application Services (MAS). Once live, clients can outsource day-to-day NetSuite and Celigo® administration to HouseBlend’s MAS pod. The service delivers proactive monitoring, release-cycle regression testing, dashboard and report tuning, and 24 × 5 functional support—at a predictable monthly rate. By combining fractional architects with on-demand developers, MAS gives CFOs a scalable alternative to hiring an internal team, while guaranteeing that new NetSuite features (e.g., OAuth 2.0, AI-driven insights) are adopted securely and on schedule.

Vertical focus on digital-first brands. Although HouseBlend is platform-agnostic, the firm has carved out a reputation among e-commerce operators who run omnichannel storefronts on Shopify, BigCommerce or Amazon FBA. For these clients, the team frequently layers Celigo’s iPaaS connectors onto NetSuite to automate fulfilment, 3PL inventory sync and revenue recognition—removing the swivel-chair work that throttles scale. An in-house R&D group also publishes “blend recipes” via the company blog, sharing optimisation playbooks and KPIs that cut time-to-value for repeatable use-cases.

Methodology and culture. Projects follow a “many touch-points, zero surprises” cadence: weekly executive stand-ups, sprint demos every ten business days, and a living RAID log that keeps risk, assumptions, issues and dependencies transparent to all stakeholders. Internally, consultants pursue ongoing certification tracks and pair with senior architects in a deliberate mentorship model that sustains institutional knowledge. The result is a delivery organisation that can flex from tactical quick-wins to multi-year transformation roadmaps without compromising quality.

Why it matters. In a market where ERP initiatives have historically been synonymous with cost overruns, HouseBlend is reframing NetSuite as a growth asset. Whether preparing a VC-backed retailer for its next funding round or rationalising processes after acquisition, the firm delivers the technical depth, operational discipline and business empathy required to make complex integrations invisible—and powerful—for the people who depend on them every day.

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