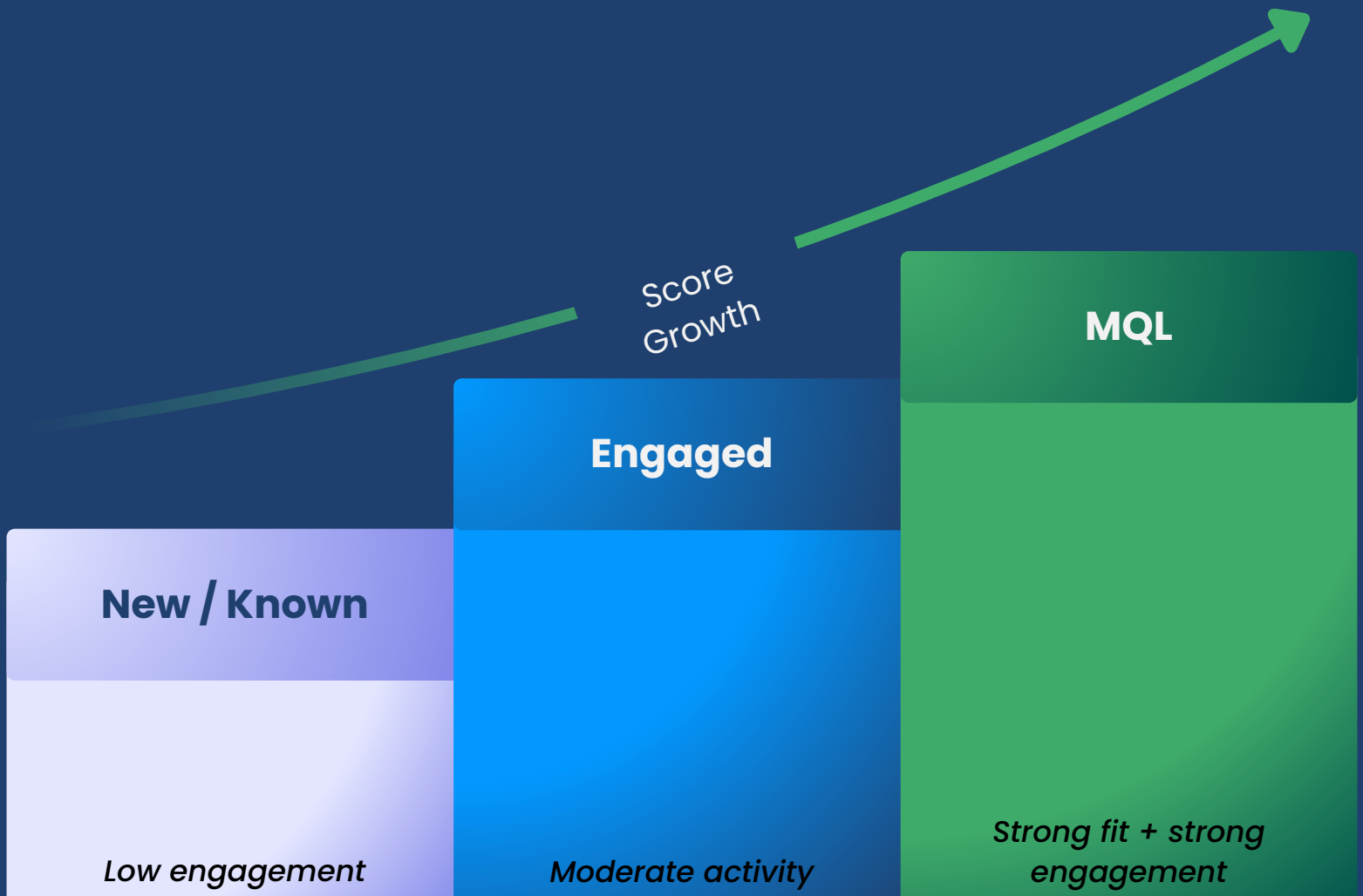




# Lead Scoring Basics

A Practical Guide for Modern Marketing Operations Teams



Lead scoring defines when interest become sales-ready.

Marketing teams generate interest. Revenue teams prioritize it.

**Lead scoring is the framework that connects the two.**

For modern Marketing Operations teams, lead scoring is not just about assigning points. It is about creating a structured, data-driven way to understand:

- ✓ who is a **strong fit**
- ✓ who is showing **real buying intent**
- ✓ when it is time for **sales engagement**

## What is Lead Scoring?

Lead scoring is the process of quantifying prospect fit and engagement to determine where individuals sit in your marketing and sales lifecycle.



### Firmographic Data

What you know about the person or company:

- Job title or seniority
- Department or role
- Company size
- Industry
- Technology stack
- Geographic region



### Behavioral Signals

What the person is actually doing:

- Visiting key pages
- Downloading content
- Interacting with ads
- Researching topics
- Third-party intent signals



### Engagement Signals

How prospects interact with your brand:

- Website sessions
- Time on high-value pages
- Pages viewed
- Email interactions
- Repeated visits

# Why Lead Scoring Matters

Not all records in your database represent the same opportunity.

Lead scoring helps marketing teams:

- ✓ Prioritize high-fit and high-intent prospects
- ✓ Route qualified leads at the right time
- ✓ Surface meaningful engagement patterns
- ✓ Improve campaign targeting

In practice, lead scoring helps teams move from volume-based marketing to **precision pipeline creation**.

## Understanding Lifecycle Stages

1

### New or Known

**A record exists but has not meaningfully engaged.**

Focus: awareness, education, brand introduction

2

### Engaged

**Interacted with your brand but hasn't shown strong buying intent.**

Focus: deeper nurture, solution education, progressive profiling

3

### Marketing Qualified Lead (MQL)

**Reached a defined score threshold indicating sufficient fit and engagement.**

Focus: sales outreach, conversion support, pipeline creation

**Important:** Lead scoring models should combine demographic/firmographic fit with real engagement activity. High-fit records may move faster – but engagement thresholds should define qualification.

# Setting Lead Scoring Thresholds

There is no universal lead scoring threshold.

Organizations may define an MQL at 30, 75, or 100 points depending on their buying cycle, audience behavior, and go-to-market motion. What matters most is shared alignment on what the score represents.

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## What matters is alignment on:

- Which behaviors indicate meaningful buying readiness
- How many signals are required before a record is sales-ready
- What level of engagement justifies manual sales outreach
- When automated sales engagement should be triggered
- How scoring thresholds map to lifecycle state progression

## The best models are:

Simple to understand

Grounded in real conversion data

Continuously refined over time

# Managing Score Decay & Data Quality

Lead scoring should reflect **current buying signals** — not historical activity alone.

- ➖ Subtract points after periods of inactivity
- ▶ Reset engagement signals after disqualification
- ✕ Suppress scores for unsubscribed records
- Exclude records outside your target ICP

**Important:** High-fit does not equal high-intent. Non-ICP records can still qualify — but scoring models should require more sustained activity before they reach MQL status.

# Example: How Paminga Approaches

Paminga supports flexible scoring models designed for modern Marketing Operations workflows.

## Contact Score (Fit)

- Seniority level
- Marketing function
- Role signals

## Activity Score

- Pricing/feature pages
- Multiple sessions
- Content pattern

## Engagement Score

- Email interaction
- Time on high-intent pages
- Depth of exploration



# Final Thoughts

Lead scoring is not just a marketing tactic.  
It is an **operational framework** for managing growth.

When implemented well, it enables:

- Better pipeline quality
- More efficient campaign execution
- Stronger sales alignment
- Clearer visibility into buyer readiness

For modern Marketing Operations teams, lead scoring is foundational to building **scalable demand engines**.

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