

Reporting and Integrations

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The first part of this project explores the depth of the **reporting tools in Salesforce**.

If you are already familiar with navigating the RAMS org interface, you may skip the first chapter.

The second part of this project will produce a **Proof-of-Concept integration** with one or more third party services. At this time, this part is in the exploration stages. I expect to use **Apex** and **Callout** features in Salesforce to link to our **GiveCampus** sandbox API.

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Configure Org Nav Bar

Welcome to RAMS!

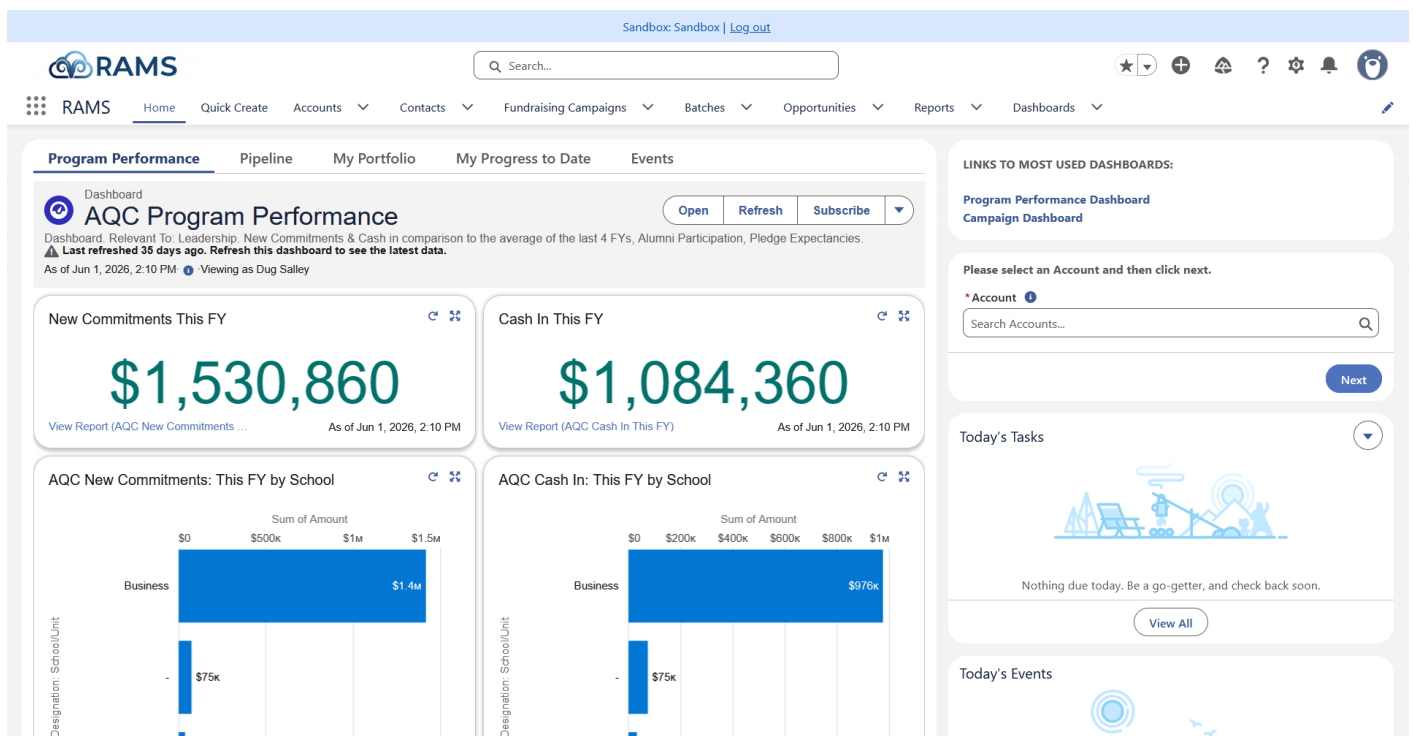
Upon logging in, you will be redirected to the Salesforce org home screen. It may look slightly different from this early version, but the core functions will be the same.

Navigating to Reports

There are two ways to reach the **Reports** tab.

1. **App Launcher** 
2. **Nav bar** shortcuts, such as **Reports** 

You can find both of these methods on the top white strip of your screen. By default, **Reports**  is not included on the nav bar.



The screenshot displays the RAMS application interface. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the text "Sandbox: Sandbox | Log out". Below this is a white navigation bar containing the RAMS logo, a search bar, and a series of tabs: Home, Quick Create, Accounts, Contacts, Fundraising Campaigns, Batches, Opportunities, Reports, and Dashboards. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a "Program Performance" dashboard titled "AQC Program Performance" with a subtitle "Dashboard. Relevant To: Leadership. New Commitments & Cash in comparison to the average of the last 4 FYs, Alumni Participation, Pledge Expectancies." It includes a warning icon and text: "Last refreshed 35 days ago. Refresh this dashboard to see the latest data." Below this, there are two large cards: "New Commitments This FY" showing "\$1,530,860" and "Cash In This FY" showing "\$1,084,360". Both cards have a "View Report" link and a timestamp "As of Jun 1, 2026, 2:10 PM". Below these cards are two bar charts: "AQC New Commitments: This FY by School" and "AQC Cash In: This FY by School". Both charts show a single bar for "Business" with a value of "\$1.4m" and "\$976k" respectively. On the right side of the dashboard, there is a section titled "LINKS TO MOST USED DASHBOARDS:" with links to "Program Performance Dashboard" and "Campaign Dashboard". Below this is a section titled "Please select an Account and then click next." with a search bar and a "Next" button. Further down is a section titled "Today's Tasks" with a "View All" button. At the bottom right, there is a section titled "Today's Events" with a "View All" button.

Sandbox version with sample data

Using the App Launcher

To use the **App Launcher**, click  and enter a term in the search box. Click **Reports** to see all reports and report creation tools.



App Launcher





Apps

No results

Items

Reports

[View All](#)

Editing the Nav Bar

To edit your nav bar,

1. Click  at the top right corner and, in the next screen that will pop up, locate the, "**Add More Items**" button.



Dashboards ▾



Personalize your nav bar

5 MOST USED DASHBOARDS:

Performance Dashboard
in Dashboard

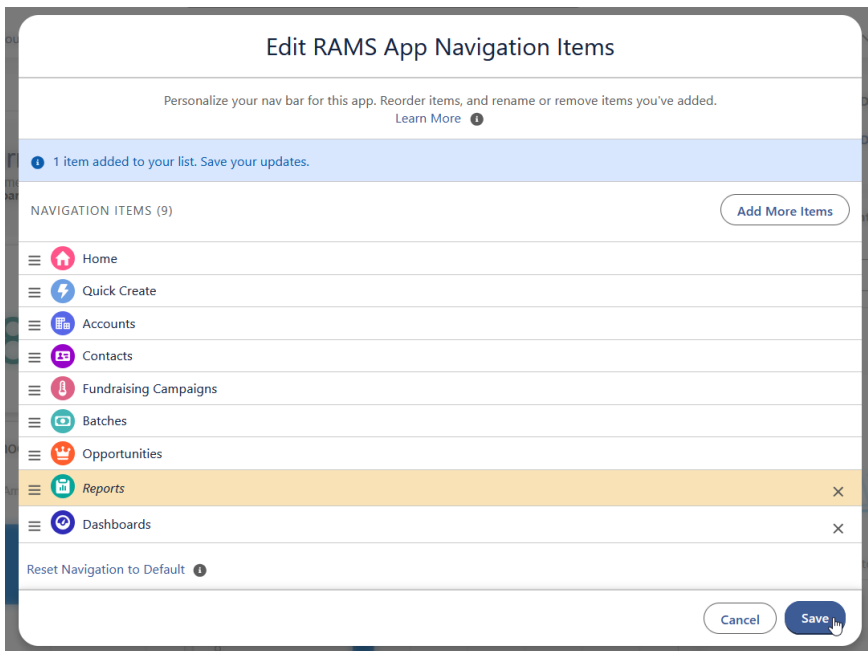
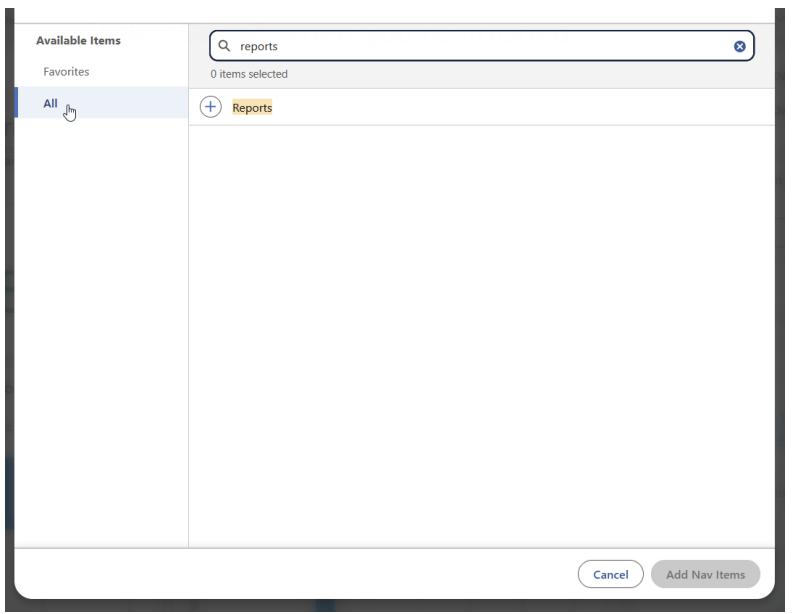
2. On the next screen, **click "All" in Available Items**, then search for any pages, apps, or objects you want in your nav bar.

Click  to select each item.

3. Click, "**Add Nav Items**" in the bottom right corner.

4. Reorder your nav items by clicking and dragging the  handles.

Your nav bar is only attached to your account, so feel free to customize it however you like.



With the **Reports** nav bar shortcut, you can quickly jump to the **Reports** page from anywhere in the org.

See your five most recently viewed reports by clicking the tab chevron.



Reports



Dashboards

Recent records

Compare Case Priority and Type

Accounts Updated By Users

Opportunities by Rep and Stage

Opportunities by Rep and Close Month

Compare Case Priority and Status

Build First Report (Demo)

Guided exercise to show report-building skills with an example.

- ☒ STL
- ☐ Report Type
 - ☐ Objects
 - ☐ Fields
 - ☐ Records
- ☐ Outline Tab
- ☐ Filter Tab
 - ☐ Show Me
 - ☐ Use ***smallest*** applicable date range
- ☐ Joined Report
- ☐ Group by a shared field (Joined)
- ☐ Fields Menu in Joined Reports

Build First Report (Definitions & Notes)

Basic skills to use on any report.

Summarize in Reports

Advanced Report Filtering

Filter Logic

By default, multiple filters on a report are combined with AND, meaning a record must match every filter to appear. Salesforce reporting provides more flexibility in report creation by allowing you to specify and give priority to certain filters using **Filter Logic**. This feature lets you control how filters combine, using AND, OR, and NOT, including parentheses for grouping

Adding Filter Logic

After you start making a report of any object type, you can add filters to the report on the filter tab. Once at least two filters are added, a filter logic menu appears at the top right of the left panel to select filter logic.

Add filter...

Show Me
All opportunities

Close Date
Current FQ (Jul 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2026)

Opportunity Status
Any

Probability
All

Add Filter Logic

Add Cross Filter

Add Row Limit

the row

at the top right of the left panel to select filter logic.

Edit Filter Logic

1 AND 2

Cancel

Apply

Filter Logic Formulas

Once the filter logic menu is open you will see that the default value of "1 AND 2" will be shown. (If you have more filters those would be listed with AND as well). This is the logic that is usually applied in reporting, where all filters must apply to the record for it to be included in the report. Each added filter is automatically assigned a number based on order added, this can be grouped in the formula using parentheses.

Accepted terms: AND, OR, NOT

Example	Record will show when:
1 AND 2	Both filter 1 and 2 apply.
1 OR 2	Either filter 1, filter 2, or both apply.
NOT(1)	Filter 1 does not apply.

Cross Filters

Cross filter is another feature of salesforce reporting that allows you to filter a report based on the presence or absence of related child records. Unlike a standard filter, a Cross Filter does not let you display fields from the child object on the report, it only has the ability to determine whether the parent record qualifies.

Examples:

1. Show accounts with attached opportunities
2. Show accounts without contacts

Adding a Cross Filter

After you start making a report of any object type, you can add a cross filter by switching to the filters tab and using the dropdown menu to select "Add Cross Filter". This will open a menu allowing you to specify if you want to show records with or without a secondary object attached.

Filters

Add filter...

Show Me
All opportunities

Close Date
Current FQ (Jul 1, 2026 - Sep 30, 2026)

Opportunity Status
Any

Probability
All

Add Filter Logic

Add Cross Filter

Add Row Limit

Edit Filter

Show Me

Opportunities

with

Secondary Object

Action Plans

Cancel

Apply

After applying the cross filter and running the report, you should see that the records not matching your cross filter are no longer appearing.

Lock Filters

If you are planning on sharing a record with others, a useful security feature provided by salesforce is the ability to lock filters. Normally, anyone viewing a report can change the filter values on the run page, this can be prevented on more essential reports by simply checking the locked checkbox

How to Lock a Filter

Click the filter you want to lock to edit it (same menu is accessed when creating new filter), and in the bottom left you simply check the "Locked" checkbox. Afterwards just hit apply and your changes will be saved preventing anyone from editing the filter on the run reports page.

Filter By ✕

Field

Stage✕

Operator

equals ▾

Value

🔍

All

Discovery

Qualification

Cultivation

Solicitation

☒ Locked ℹ️

Cancel

Apply

Advanced Report Grouping

Advanced Report Formulas

Final Notes on Reporting

concepts that don't fit into any previous categories