# Make technology your secret sauce









# Maketechnology your secret sauce

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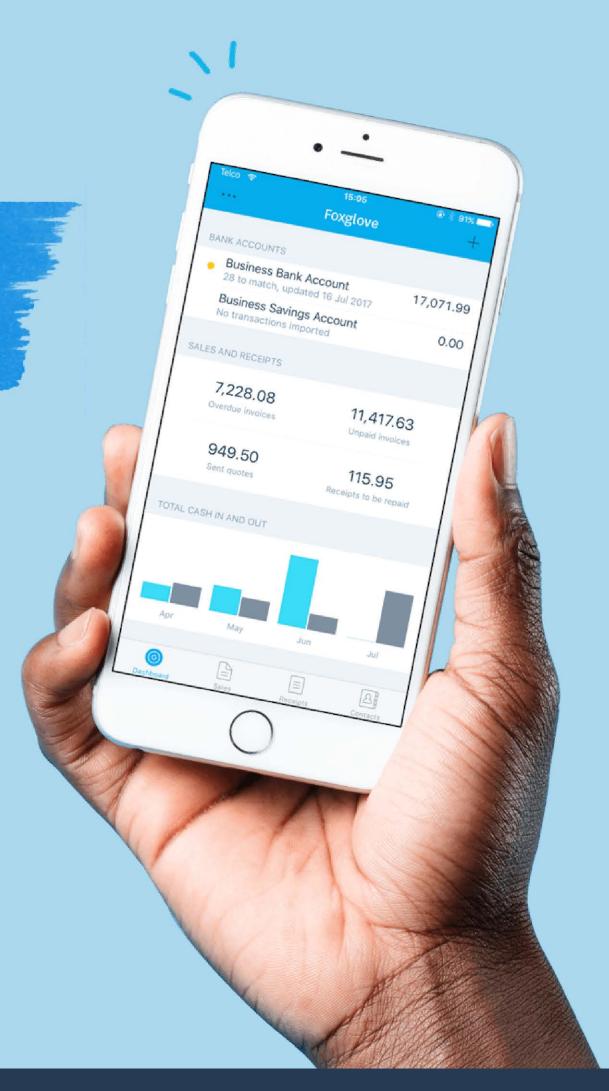
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Today's AGENDA Efficiency as an output of process improvement

Reducing IT infrastructure cost by centralizing functions in the cloud

#### Due diligence on tech stack

- Internal apps
- External apps

**Successful conversion metrics** 

What is driving technology change?

#### **Evolution of the cloud**

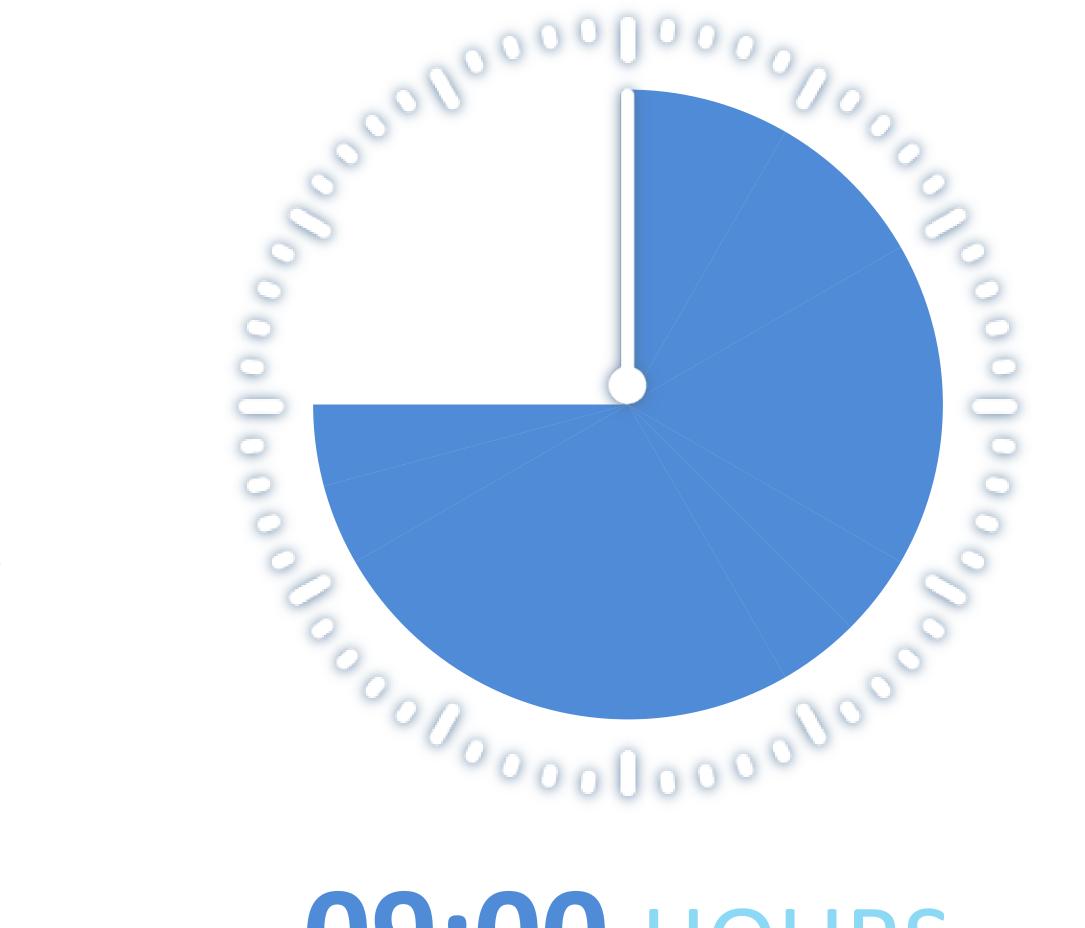
#### The role of the accountant

#### Adoption of technology by clients



### Traditional schedule

- 1hr Data entry
- 1hr Review work
- 1hr Admin
- 1hr Client meetings
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hr New business



## **09:00 HOURS**

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hr New technical ups killing
- 1hr Review WIP & workflow
- 2hrs Client calls/emails
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hr Payments
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hr Timesheets

# Avoid the business running you; Take **control**





### Automation frees up time

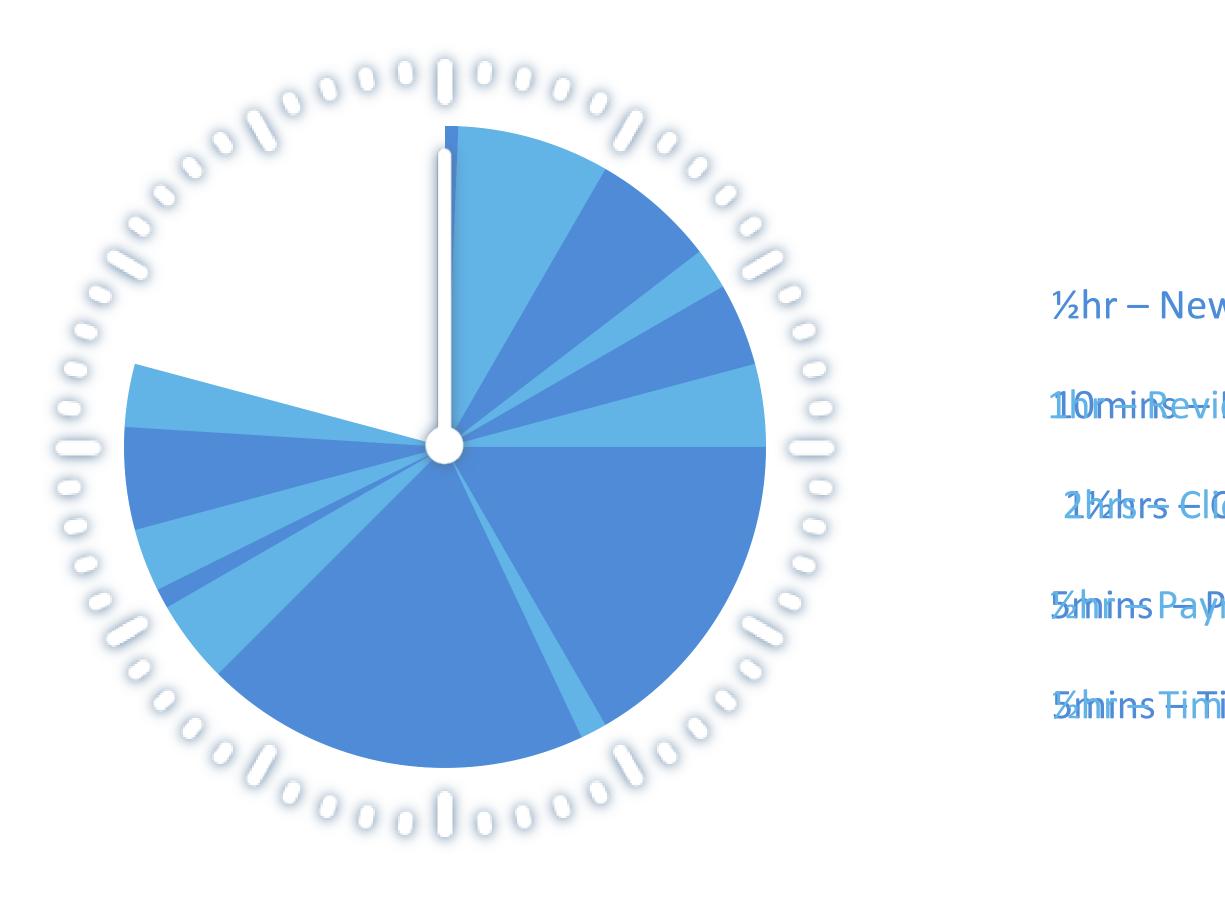
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1hr – Client Meetings

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### Opportunity time



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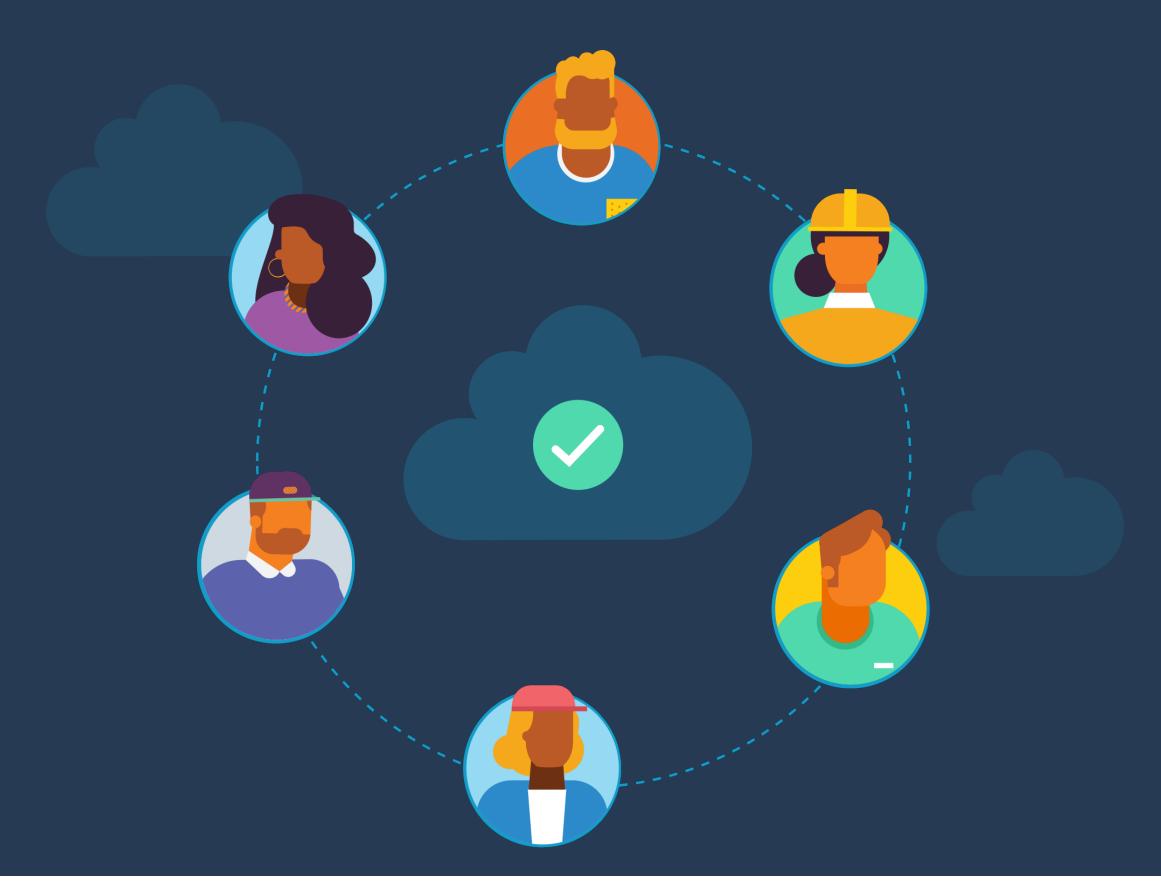
### Efficient time

# Anything that can be automated, WILL BE!



# Cloud collaboration

Your clients are asking for your time, beyond the accounting They want to pay your for it, they need your expertise!





## So where are you?

#### Traditional

Invoicing

Surprise bill

Documents

Client Comms

Client Touch Points

Data

Paper

**Book a meeting** 

One per year

Transposition

Transition	<b>Connected Advisor</b>			
Bill on completion	Fixed/Value pricing			
PDF & Email	Online e-sign			
Call	Live Chat			
6 Month/Quarterly	Anytime			
Import/Export	Real time sync			





# Platform and process

**Identify pain** points & challenges



Write down priorities

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Due diligence of products/ vendors

## Cloud platform selection process



#### Xero

### **Connected** apps

#### Xero HQ



Single ledger, data & docs

#### Xero HQ apps

# Creating your platform

#### Select a target market focus

Big enough to matter

Small enough to lead

Good fit with your skills and interests

#### **Convert existing clients**

Take the early adopters when they are ready

Eventually end-of-life paper-based services

#### New client on-boarding

Paperless standard

In the cloud

Document exchange

Other add-ons as needed







# Creating your platform

Leverage technology to achieve

client collaboration

#### MANAGEMENT

Instant results cannot be expected – it takes time

A Business plan is key to manage to the right metrics

#### STAFF

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#### **CLIENTS**

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### Invoicing

#### **Payment services**

#### **Point of sale**



### Your platform using the Xero ecosystem





















## stripe

















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XERO PRACTICE MANAGER







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**Expensify** 





# PRACTICE Ignition —

### Square











## **Fathom**



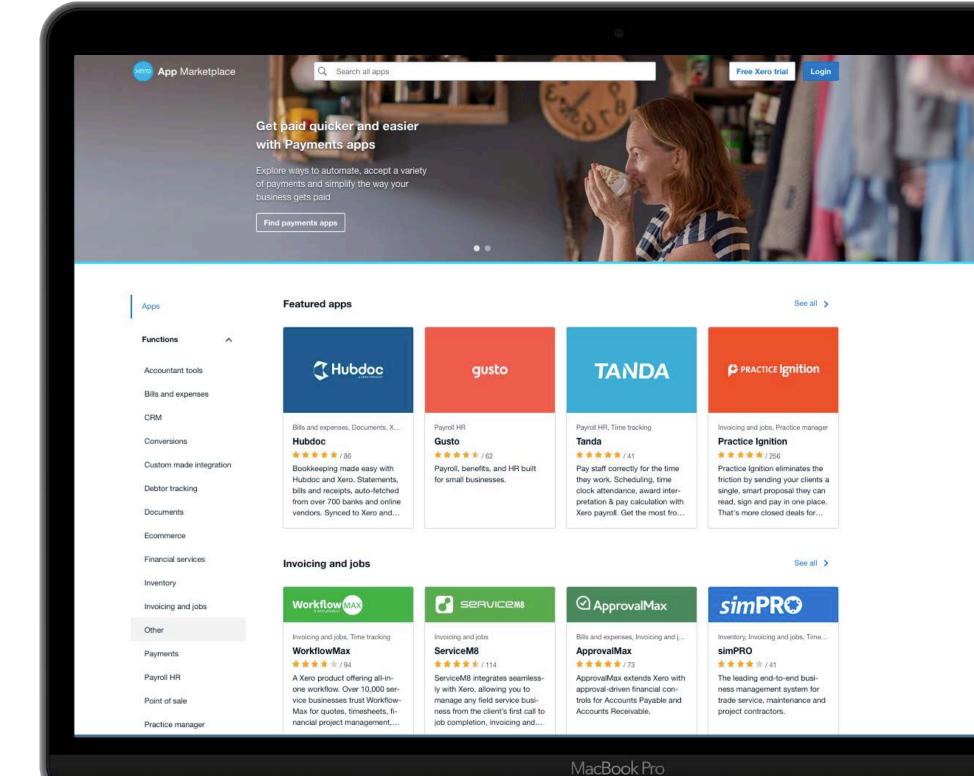
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Capitalizing on Xero's ecosystems

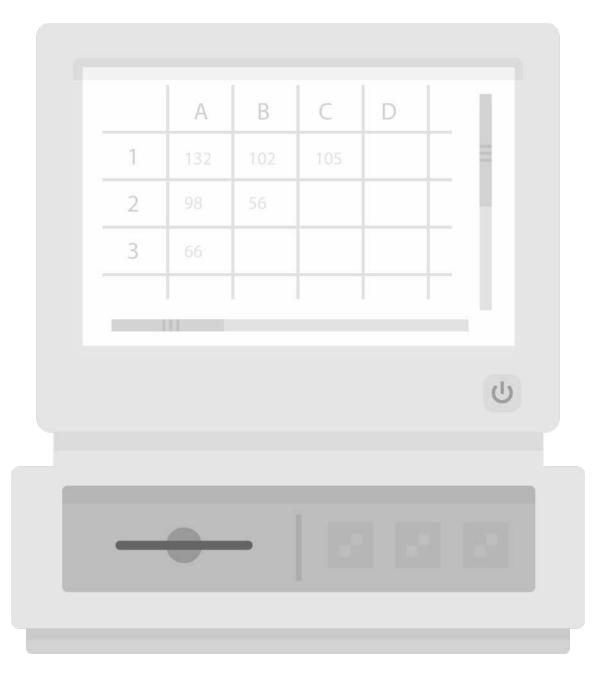
What are your gaps in business that can be solved by a third party?

Do you have processes in place that explore apps in the ecosystem?

#### Where is there room for improvement?

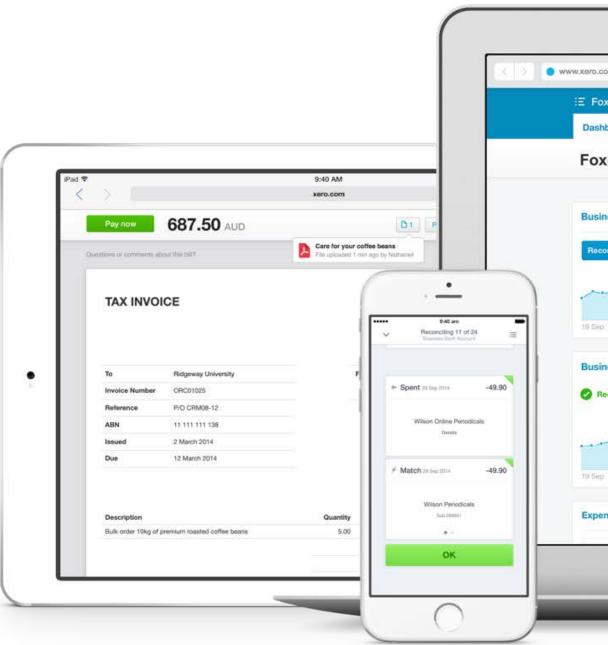


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## To the cloud, providing access

# anywhere





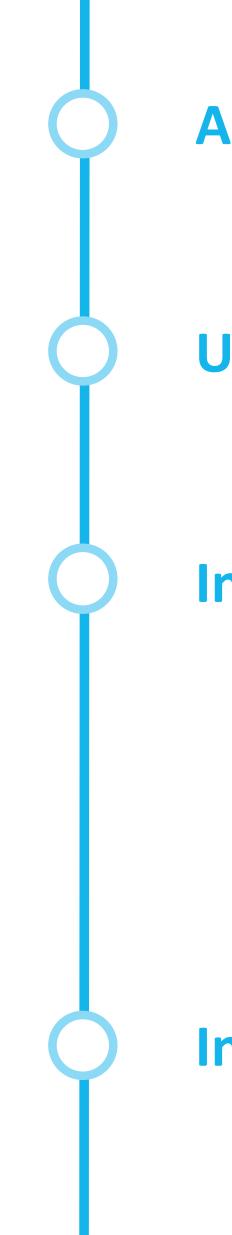
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# Big data for Sma business



#### Anonymous macro data

#### **Unlock insights to business**

#### Industry benchmarking

- Geocodes
- Industry code
- Report code

#### **Increase advisor value**

# Internal process



# Internal process evolution

- Traditional to Cloud
- Undertaking advisory & tax return preparation





#### • What new processes do you need?

• Will you get rid of any processes?

• What will your clients think?



# External process



# Which PRICING MODEL should you choose?

#### **Fixed fees**

Every service you offer has a set price

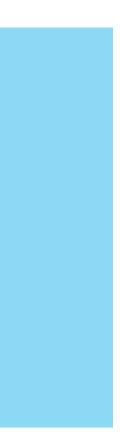
#### Value-based

The value of work is determined up front & price is then set (on a client by client basis)

#### **Recurring flat fees**

The value of work is determined up front and based on a fixed set of deliverables on a monthly basis







# Simple sales process



#### **IDENTIFY**

#### INTERVIEW

SETUP RELATIONSHIP

**BUILD RELATIONSHIP** 

VALUE ADD

HOW WE deliver our proposals

#### PRACTICE Ignition Hey David, happy Friday! Your trial ends in 11 days. Xero Ambassadors Xero Ambassadors Dashboard Revenue Projected Total **Unbilled Project** Monthly Recurring Invoiced \$8.7k \$7.4k \$0.0 \$4.4k \* 41.22% 30 days Clients 🖌 Proposals Ξ Services Sep Oct Nov Dec Feb Mar Apr May Jul Jan Jun Aug Q Search Avg. Client Revenue New Client Revenue \$4.4k \$8.7k Clients Current Clients Last Month New Clients 2 Or Settings

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# Measuring Success

## SURVEYS

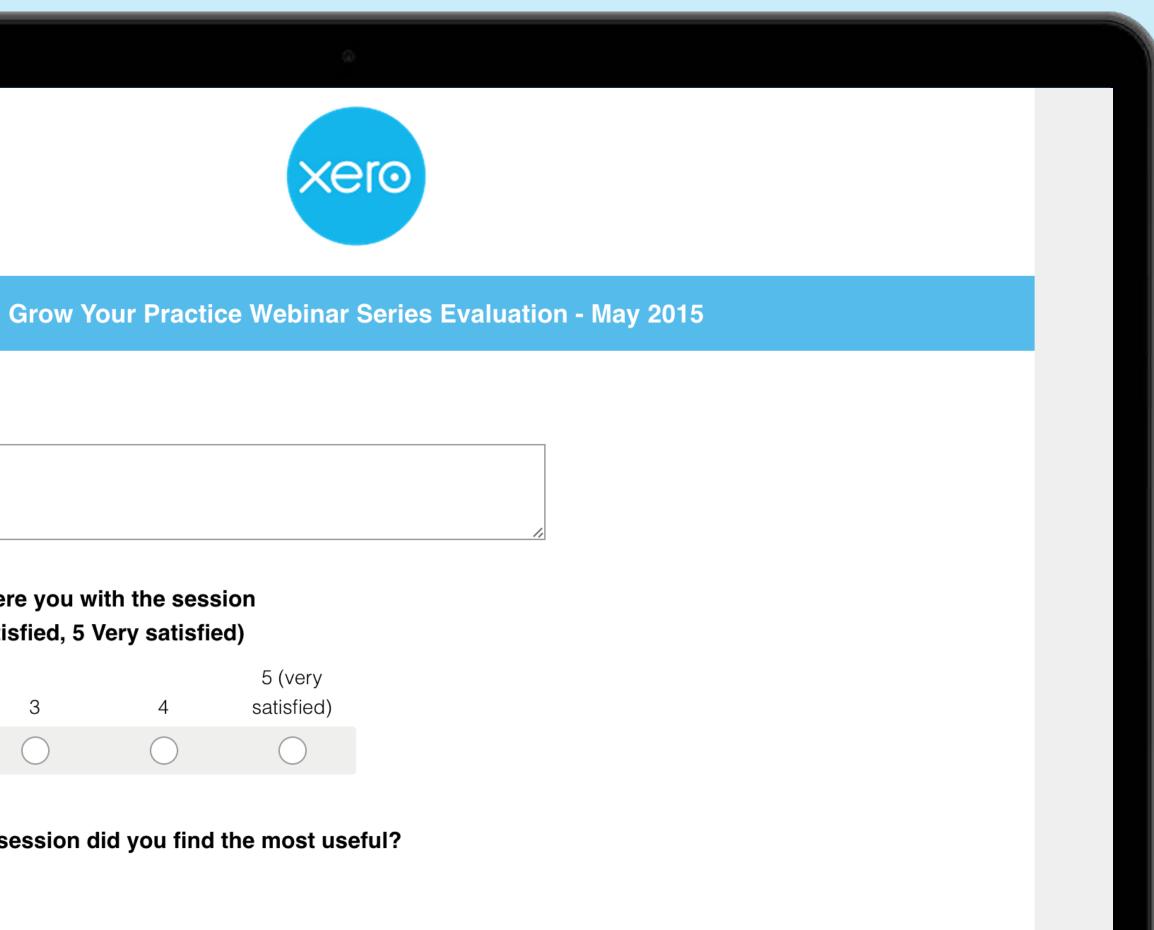
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#### \* 2. Overall, how satisfied were you with the session delivered today? (1 Not satisfied, 5 Very satisfied)

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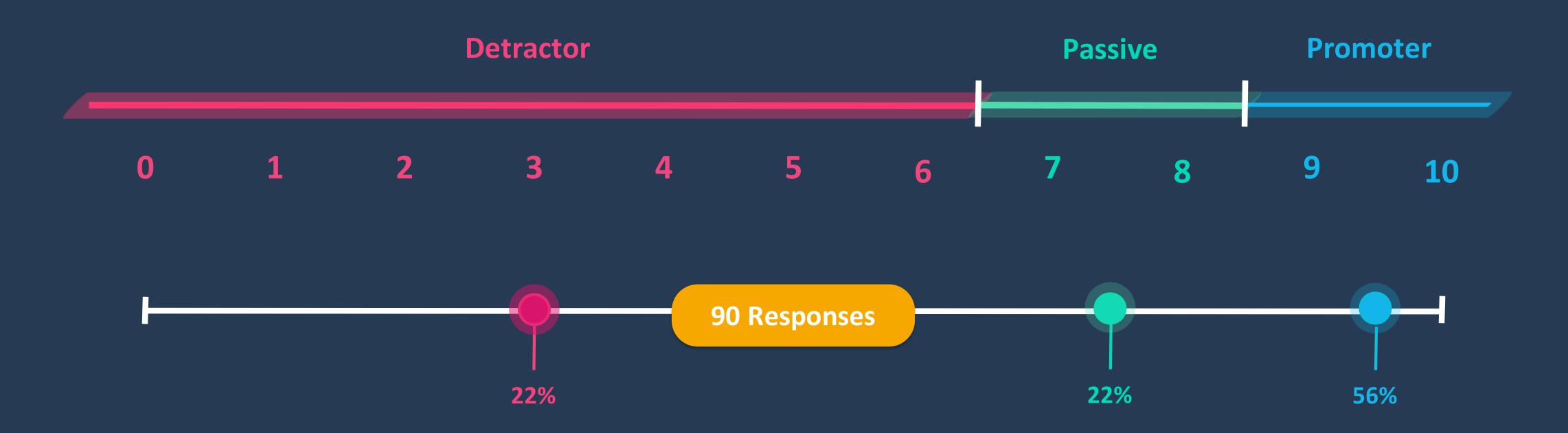
#### \* 3. What section of today's session did you find the most useful?

- Before we start
- Setup and configuration
- Pepare and lodge



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### Would you recommend to a friend?



Net Promoter Score = Promoters (56%) – Detractors (22%)

**Net Promoter Score = 34** 

# How to measure ROI



#### Acquisition cost payback

Cost of customer acquisition

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Value of customer

Acquisition vs retention

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### Measure your success

#### • What does success look like to you?

• How do you currently measure success?

• Where can you improve?







## Next steps

List next step here



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List next step here



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# Thank you!

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