

# PREPARING FOR AN ACCOUNTING REVOLUTION

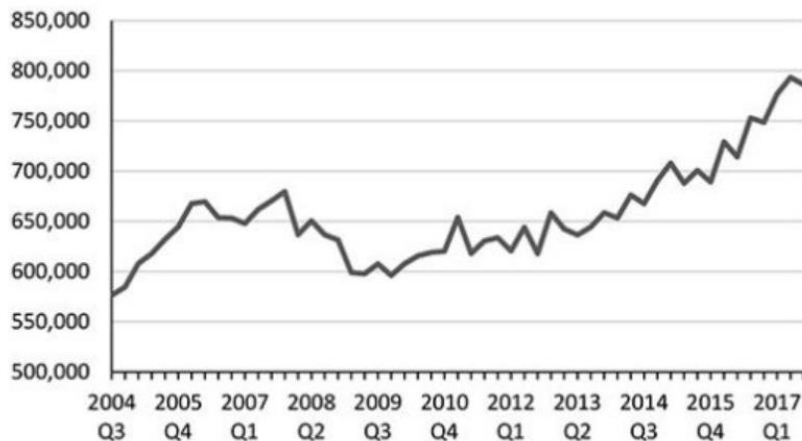
Positioning yourself for success in a world of  
AI Accounting



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## A Supply/Demand Problem in Accounting

- ▶ More businesses today than ever before (US Census Bureau)
- ▶ Velocity of business formation is continuing to increase rapidly

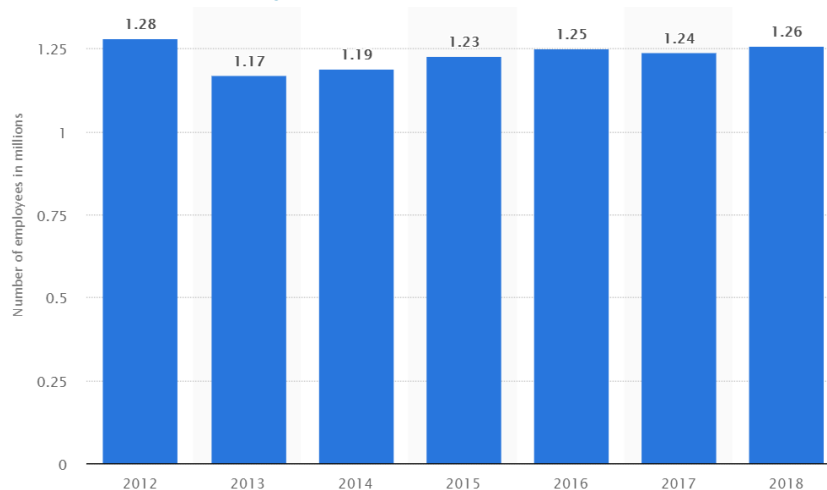


New Business Applications  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

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## A Supply/Demand Problem in Accounting

- ▶ Meanwhile the number of accountants entering the industry is flat
- ▶ 2019 data shows fewer accountants entering industry than prior year

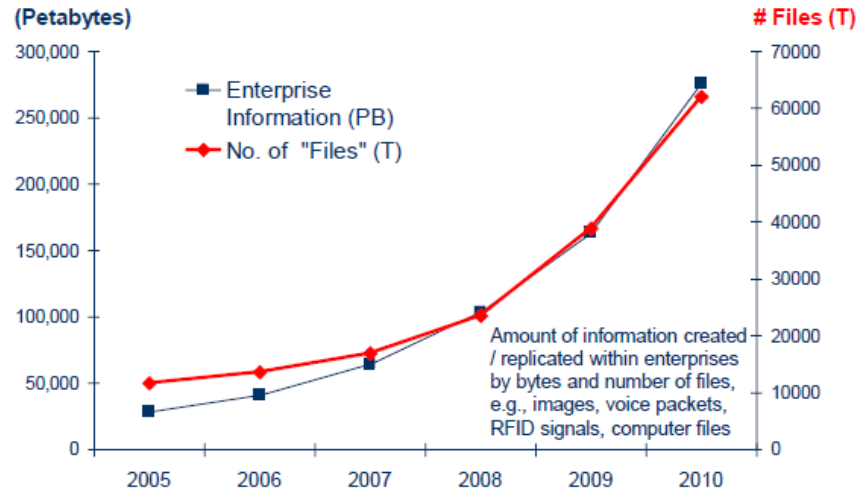


Accountants Employed  
in Millions

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## A Supply/Demand Problem in Accounting

- ▶ Businesses data production is growing exponentially (40X '09 by '20)
- ▶ Businesses demand more data processing, reporting and analytics

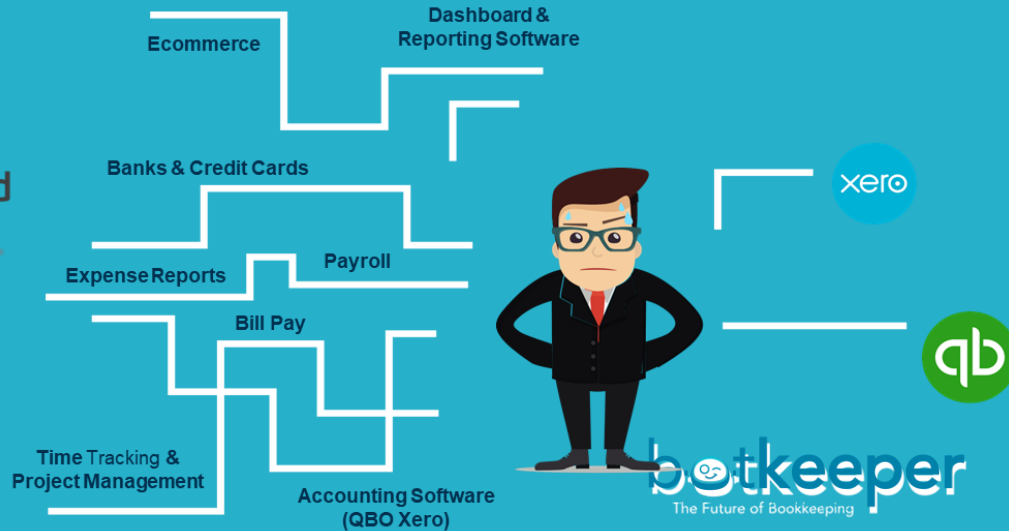


Today's Accountant  
Processes More Data than  
Ever Before

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## How to Differentiate And/Or Specialize

- Accounting compliance continues to increase in complexity
- Quantity of accounting apps used and managed continues to increase



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## Turning Away Prospects is the New Norm

- ▶ Capacity and staffing challenges are amplified by seasonal work
- ▶ Meanwhile Staff Churn:
  - ▶ Negatively impacts clients
  - ▶ Makes scaling difficult
  - ▶ Reduces margins
  - ▶ Time consuming to train and ramp staff



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## THE AI ACCOUNTING LANDSCAPE

AI  
Accounting  
Firms

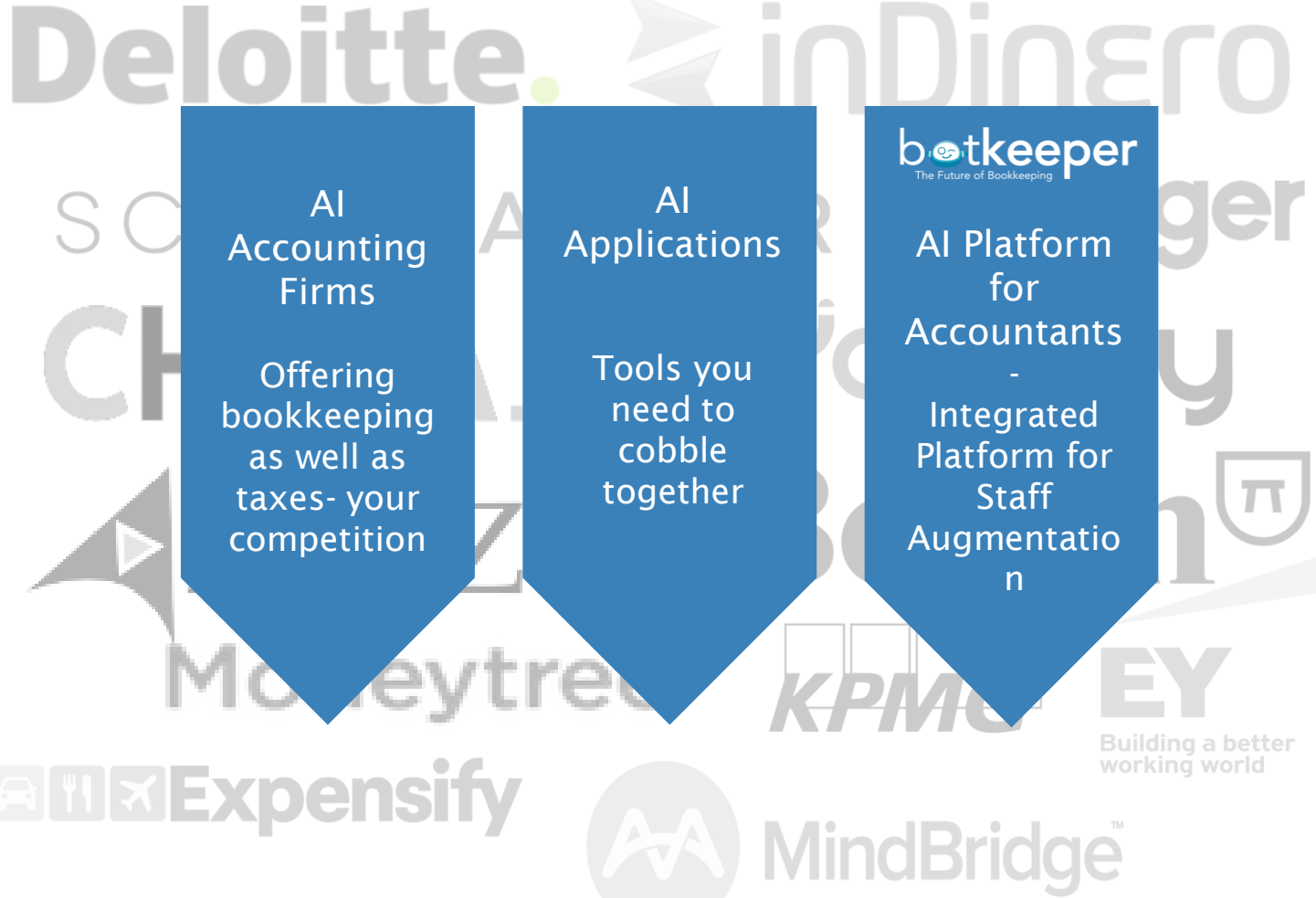
Offering  
bookkeeping  
as well as  
taxes- your  
competition

AI  
Applications

Tools you  
need to  
cobble  
together

**botkeeper**  
The Future of Bookkeeping

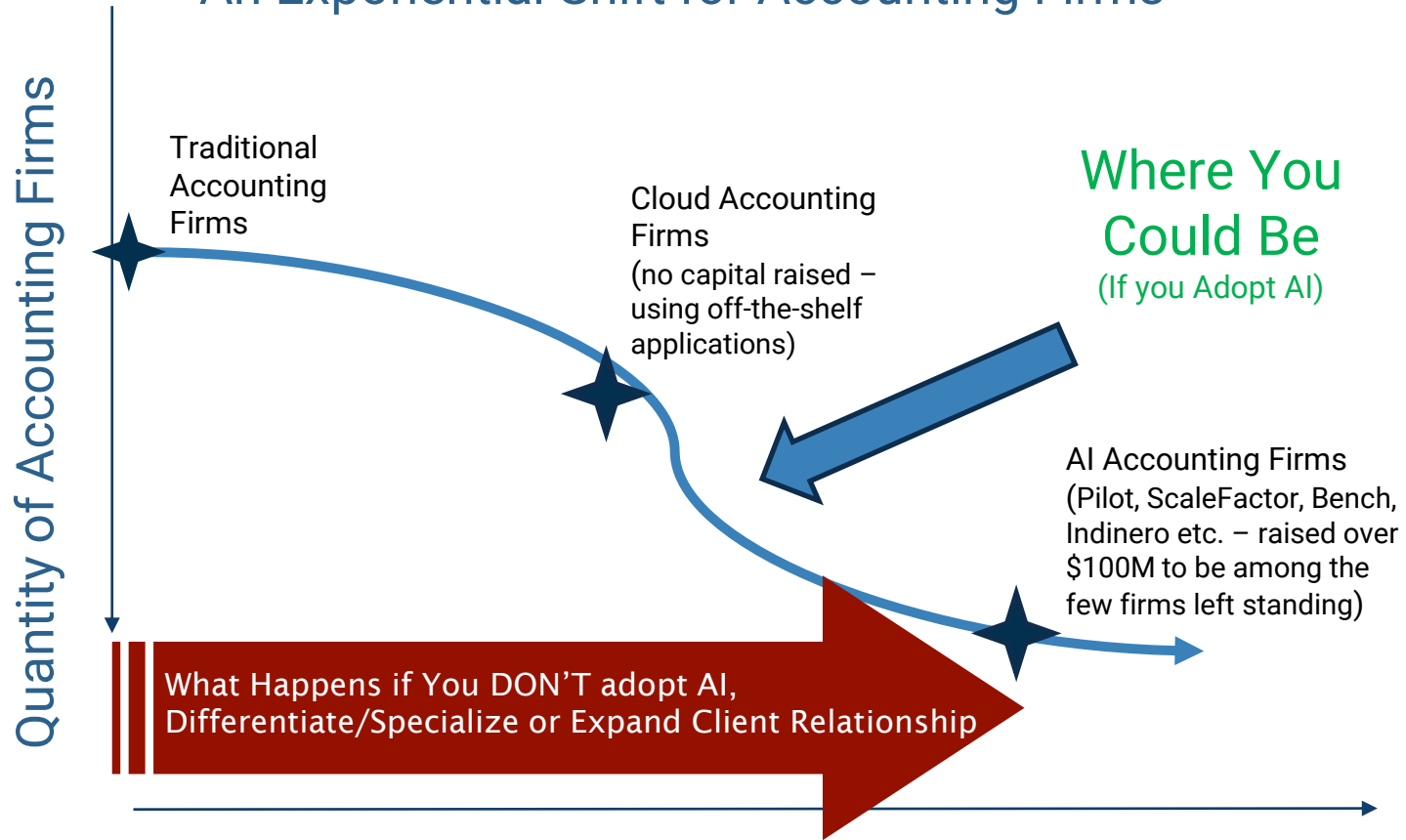
AI Platform  
for  
Accountants  
-  
Integrated  
Platform for  
Staff  
Augmentatio  
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## THE AI ACCOUNTING LANDSCAPE

### An Exponential Shift for Accounting Firms





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- ▶ If you do not adopt AI, differentiate, specialize or expand client relationships, today's Accounting firms will no longer exist

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## LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD



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## LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD

- ▶ Manage clients
- ▶ Consolidate apps (reporting, task management, receipt capture, file management, documentation etc.)
- ▶ Augment staff (ML/AI, RPA, OCR, Workflow Automation, Human in the Loop)



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## How to Differentiate And/Or Specialize

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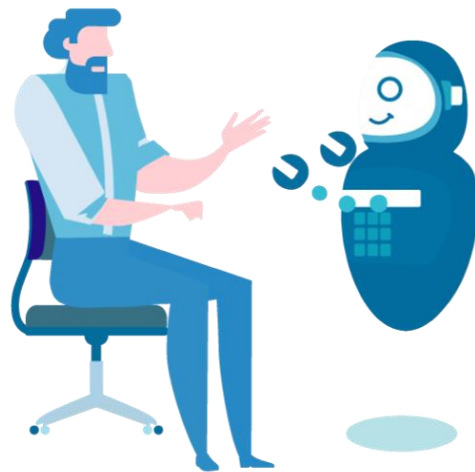


- Move Up Market – CFO and advisory for midsize companies with increased complexity
- Full Suite Offering – incorporation, bookkeeping & compliance, tax, wealth management, HR, benefits....advisory and consulting
- Specialization<sup>2</sup> – international non-profits, breweries, QSRs, dental, fintech SaaS, blockchain companies, home construction, consulting firms, amazon ecommerce businesses, painting companies etc.

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## Owning the Relationship (Top to Bottom)

- ▶ Who owns your client relationship?
- ▶ The software they use?
- ▶ The firm that services them?
- ▶ How this is changing:
  - ▶ Software companies are doing more services
  - ▶ Complicates relationship dynamics



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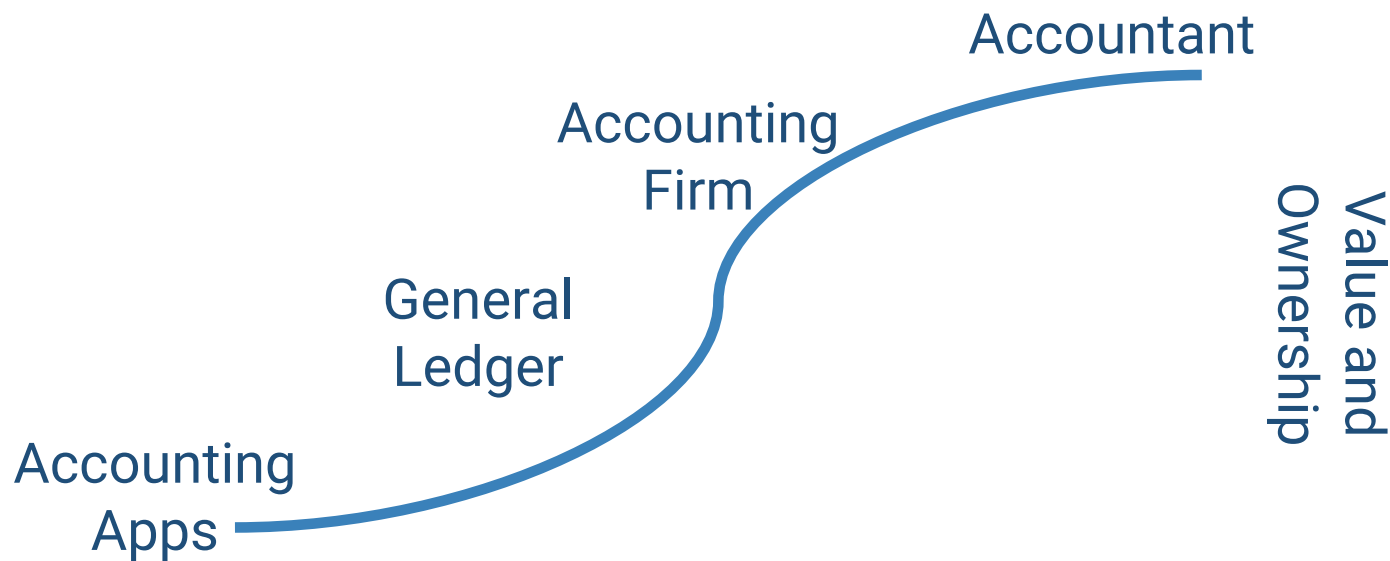
## Who owns the client relationship?

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	Historically	Today
Accounting Leger	No	Maybe
Accounting Apps	No	Maybe
Accounting Firm	Maybe	Maybe
Accountant	Yes	Maybe

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## CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CURVE HISTORICALLY



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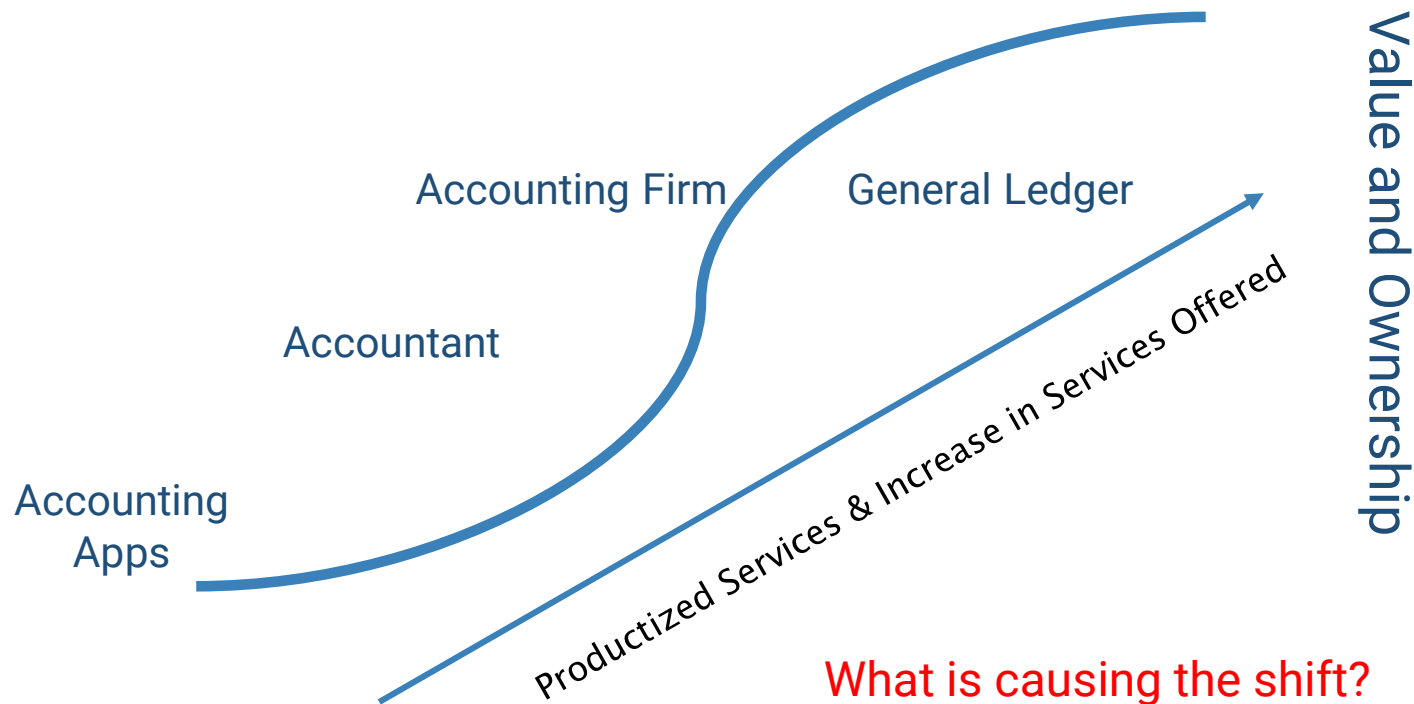
## CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CURVE TODAY





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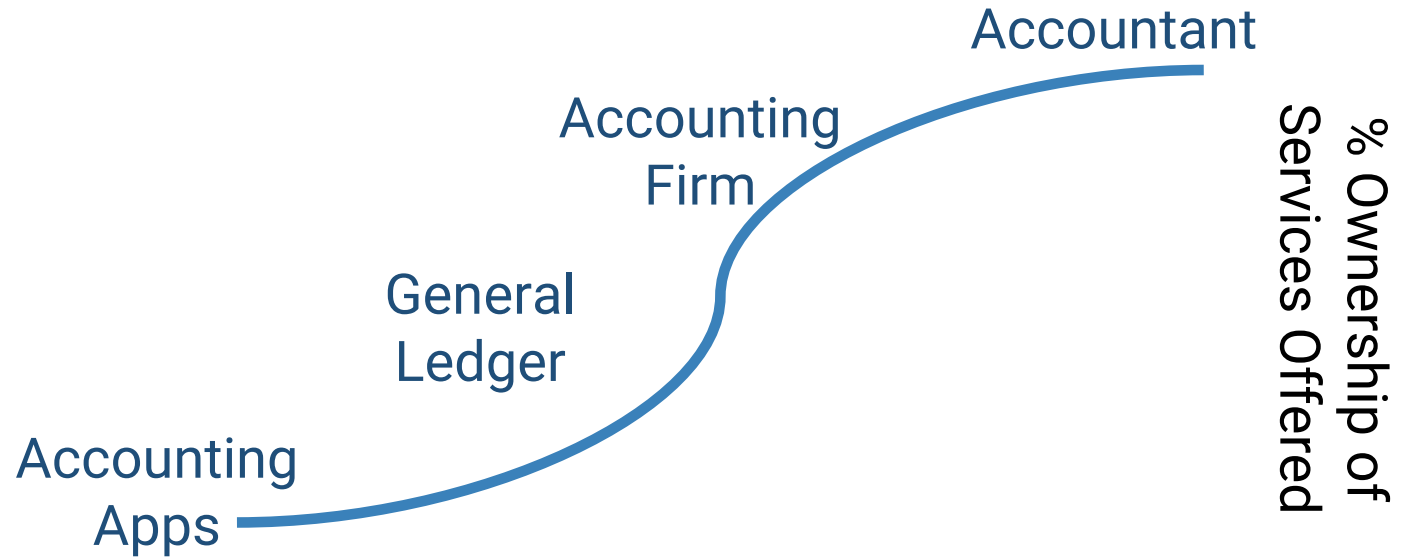
## CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CURVE FUTURE



What is causing the shift?

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## CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CURVE HISTORICALLY



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## What does this mean for Accountants?

- ▶ Must keep as much of accounting services offered under your brand
  - ▶ WHITE LABEL IS KEY
  - ▶ DON'T BE A PIECE – BE THE ENTIRE PUZZLE
- ▶ Remain price competitive
  - ▶ STAFF AUGMENTATION IS KEY
  - ▶ CONSOLIDATE ACCOUNTING TECH STACK
  - ▶ USE OF AI AND OTHER AUTOMATION TOOLS REQUIRED



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## ▶ Remaining Price Competitive

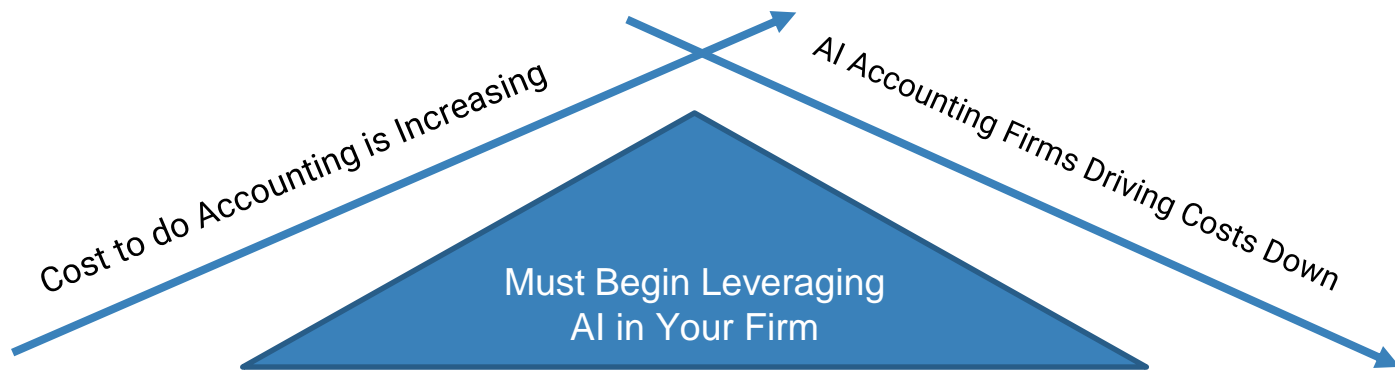
- ▶ Historically must continue increase prices to maintain margin
- ▶ Human labor costs increase so pricing must increase
- ▶ As the market shifts toward AI, companies like Pilot, ScaleFactor & Intuit will drive market rates down
- ▶ Bookkeeping, tax, and audit will all see prices deflated because of AI
- ▶ Must find a way to lower costs without compromising quality
  - ▶ App consolidation
  - ▶ Staff Augmentation



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## CONFLICTING MARKETS WILL FORCE AI ADOPTION

- ▶ Fewer Accountants Available in Market = Increased Cost to Employ an Accountant
- ▶ Increase in Data for Processing = More Time = More Cost
- ▶ Increase in Accounting Complexity = More time = More Cost



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## WHAT TO DO WITH CONFLICTING MARKETS?

- ▶ Build Your Own AI?
  - ▶ Probably not – costs \$10s of Millions and takes years
- ▶ Get out of bookkeeping?
  - ▶ You can but you start losing client ownership, relationship, and value added
  - ▶ Lose recurring revenue, margin, and upsell potential
- ▶ Adopt and AI Platform Or AI Tools?
  - ▶ YES!!



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HOW AN AI  
PLATFORM  
CAN BENEFIT  
YOUR FIYM

## New Vision CPA Group

### BEFORE BOTKEEPER

Employees: 4

% of Filings Completed by April 10<sup>th</sup>

1040s: 42%

11205s: 66%

1065s: 31%

### AFTER BOTKEEPER

Employees: 2.5

% of Filings Completed by April 10<sup>th</sup>

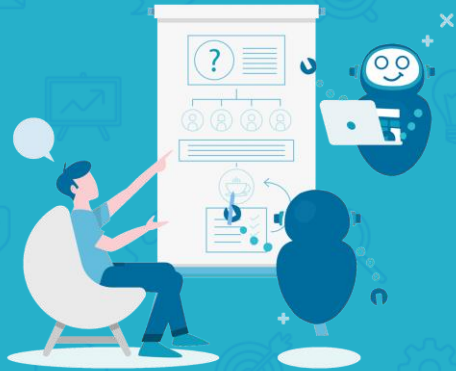
1040s: 54%

1120s: 71%

1065s: 40%

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## HOW BOTKEEPER IS HELPING ACCOUNTANTS



- ▶ Easily onboard 5-10 clients per week (no more turning away clients)
- ▶ Provide Clients with a Unified Financial Hub
- ▶ Dashboards, reporting, task management, calendar, documentation, files, receipt and bill scanning, statement fetching
- ▶ Higher level of bookkeeping service (99% accuracy and ongoing)
- ▶ Let botkeeper be the last bookkeeper you hire
- ▶ Compete at market prices and increase margins (30-50% savings)
- ▶ Retain and promote your top talent and automate tedious work



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## AI IN ACTION

QuickTime Player File Edit View Window Help

QuickBooks x Retool x +

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intuit quickbooks

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**Expenses** Last month

**\$11,060**  
LAST MONTH

**\$10,987**  
Uncategorized Ex...

**\$72**  
Hosting

**Profit and Loss** Last month

**-\$11,060**  
NET INCOME FOR MARCH

**1 TO REVIEW**  
\$0 INCOME

**\$11,060**  
EXPENSES

**Bank accounts**

Account	Bank balance	In QuickBooks	Updated
Checking	\$ 3,621.93	\$2,101.00	25 to review Updated 5 days ago
Savings	\$200.00	\$800.00	1 to review Updated 5 days ago
Mastercard	\$304.96	\$1,023.72	7 to review Updated 5 days ago
Visa		\$11,427.08	

**Sales** Last month

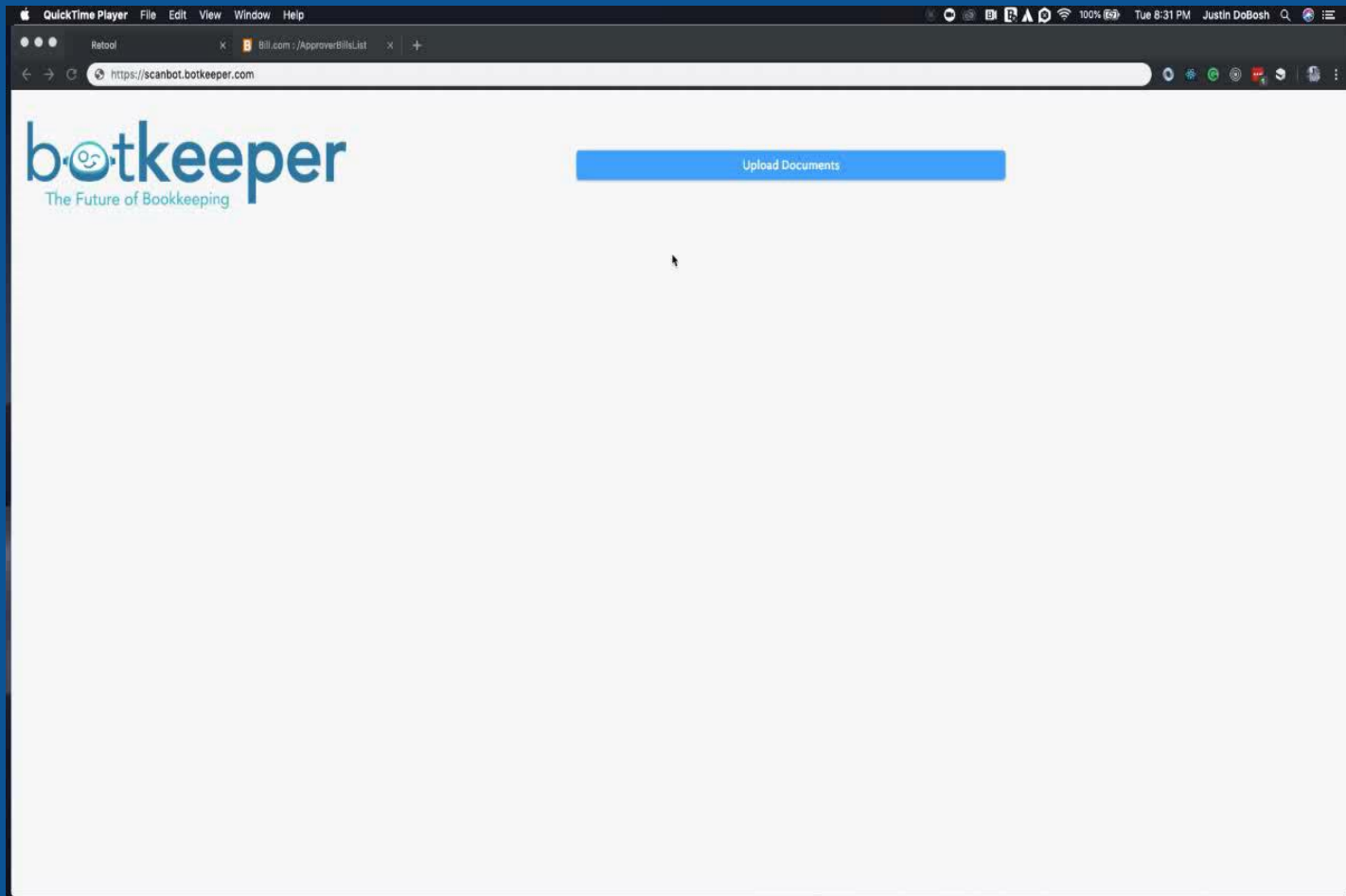
**\$0**  
LAST MONTH

Dashboard Receipts Sales Expenses Workers Reports Taxes Accounting

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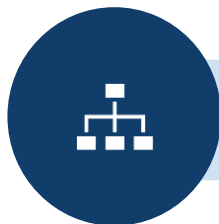
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## AI IN ACTION



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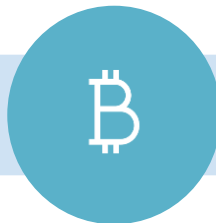
## Benefits of Botkeeper Machine Learning



WORKS WITH CUSTOM  
CHART OF ACCOUNTS



PROCESSING 25,000  
TRANSACTIONS IN  
SECONDS AT 83%  
ACCURACY WITHOUT  
ANY HUMAN  
ASSISTANCE



FOR THOSE WITH HIGH  
CONFIDENCE RATING  
4000+ TRANSACTIONS IT  
GOT 98% OF THEM  
CORRECT (BETTER THAN  
HUMANS AT ONLY 85-  
95% ACCURACY)



HUMAN + MACHINE  
GETS BOTKEEPER TO  
99% ACCURACY ON ALL  
25,000 TRANSACTIONS



CONTINUES TO GET  
BETTER WITH TIME  
AND MORE  
TRANSACTIONS

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## And So Begins the Era of Super-Accountants

- ▶ Instant Capacity – when you need it
  - ▶ Grow and Onboard more clients
  - ▶ Increase Bandwidth during busy season
  - ▶ Solve Employee Attrition
  - ▶ Margin Improvement
  - ▶ Lifestyle Improvement



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## Benefits of Botkeeper Machine Learning

### SMARTS

COLLECTIVE WISDOM  
AND LEARNING  
ACROSS THOUSANDS  
OF COMPANIES

### IMPACT

FASTER TO SETUP  
AND TRAIN THAN AN  
EMPLOYEE

### ACCURACY

FROM 5-15% HUMAN  
TO .01% ROBO-  
HUMAN

### 24/7

SUPPORT ENTRIES  
AND PROCESSING

### INSIGHT

FULLY CUSTOMIZED  
DASHBOARDS AND  
ANALYTICS

### COSTS

REDUCED 30-75%

### MORE

THINK TIME,  
STRATEGY TIME,  
FAMILY TIME, FREE  
TIME, HOBBY TIME

### SCALE

0- BILLIONS IN  
REVENUE

Thank You

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