



# MAXIMIZING EFFICIENCY WITH BOTKEEPER INFINITE

A Tech Driven Approach to Streamlining Bookkeeping For Accounting Firms



### **SESSION OVERVIEW**

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### 3 THINGS TO ASK YOURSELF

## What is my account access?

Access is important and each institution has different permissions. Depending on the access you have should dictate how you make and maintain connections.

# What responsibility do I want the client to have?

and let your clients drive?
OR
Do you want to control and
have your client take a back

seat?

Do you want to be hands off

# Will my client be a user in the platform?

There are a lot of benefits to having your client as an active user in the platform but you could also choose to have them still own connects via a smart link.

### PATH TO GREATEST SUCCESS

Client Onboarding and Ongoing Involvement

#### **How to Handle Connections:**

- 1. If they are eligible for Botkeeper connection (check <u>here</u>) have your client make the connection via:
  - a. Smart Link (no login required)
  - b. Smart Task (login required)
- 2. If the account is connected in the GL, turn it off in the GL

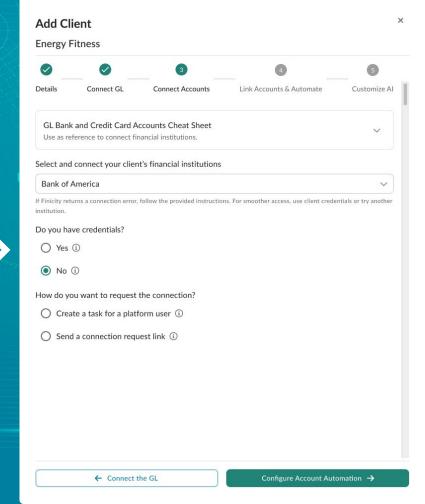
Additional options for account automation are coming soon!

### Why?

Client credentials have the strongest connection! Client participation increases efficiency.



#### Add Client **Energy Fitness** Details Connect GL Connect Accounts Link Accounts & Automate Customize Al GL Bank and Credit Card Accounts Cheat Sheet ^ Use as reference to connect financial institutions. BofA Credit 1234 Denver Bank 9023 BofA Checking 5678 Wells Fargo Credit 0274 Chase Business 1957 Select and connect your client's financial institutions Bank of America If Finicity returns a connection error, follow the provided instructions. For smoother access, use client credentials or try another institution. Do you have credentials? Yes (i) O No (i)



### **CLIENT ACCESS & RESPONSIBILITY**

### **Normal Client User (recommended)**

Allow your client to own the connections of their accounts, upload statements (when necessary), and provide context around transactions from right in the platform.

#### **Client Self-Service User**

Infinite could be a solution you offer that allows you to be hands off, allows your tech forward clients to drive, and you there for additional, more complex services.

#### **Access via Smart Link**

Don't want your client as a user? Don't sweat it! They can still establish the connections via a secure smart link!

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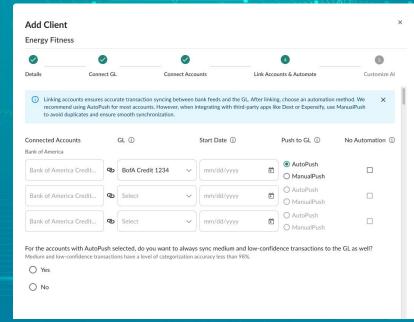
### **How to Setup Automation:**

#### Use AutoPush if:

- a. Account has no 3rd-party apps syncing to the GL.
- Account has 3rd-party apps syncing to a clearing account in the GL (e.g., BILL, Melio, Stripe, Square, ADP, Gusto).
- c. Account is using a payroll provider other than QBO Payroll.

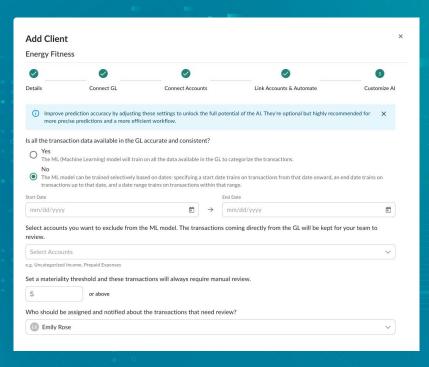
#### Use **ManualPush** if:

- d. Account with 3rd-party apps syncing to the bank/credit card account in the GL (e.g., Expensify, Dext).
- e. Account is using QBO Payroll.



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#### **How to Customize Your Al:**

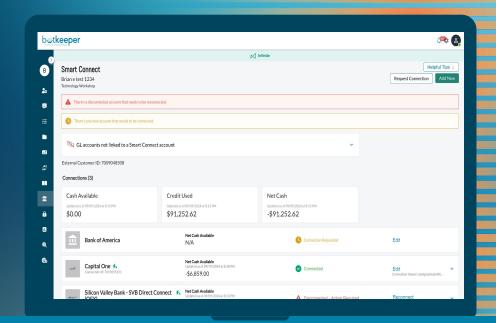
- 1. Choose a date to train from
  - a. By default we train off of everything but sometimes that isn't always the best
- 2. Weed out accounts
  - a. Select any and all uncategorized accounts, etc. that the model should not train on
- 3. Choose a default assignee
  - Leaving this blank will push transactions to 'Needs Review' without an owner to do them
  - b. Having an assignee will create a digest task for them to review the transactions





### **SMART CONNECT**

No more incorrect passwords, security barriers, and tedious manual logins to collect statements. Smart Connect quickly and easily links all of your clients' financial data, including balances, transaction feeds, and statement downloads



GET THE MOST OUT OF SMART CONNECT

	xero qb	Other GL
Transaction Feed	$ \checkmark $	$\Diamond$
Statement Downloads	$\langle \! \rangle$	
Automated daily categorization		





Smart Link (Optional) (i)





Send link via email (i) Generate shareable link (i)

**USE WHITE-LABELED EMAIL OPTION FOR TOUCHLESS CONNECTION MANAGEMENT** 

This option will send the email to your client for the initial connection as well as if it disconnects, without you needing to be in the middle and avoiding delays to the close!







GL accounts not linked to a Smart Connect account

Check all Connections to make sure all Smart Connect accounts are linked to a GL account. Or connect the rest of the accounts corresponding to the GL accounts listed below Checking

# UNLINKED GL ACCOUNTS

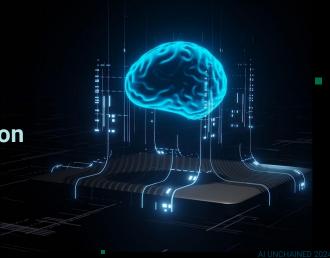
If we find any active bank or credit card accounts in the COA that are not linked to a connection, we will surface those to you at the top of the page. Remember, try to connect every account!





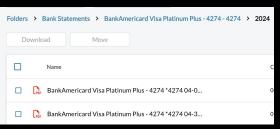
# **EXPORT TO CSV**

Not using QBO or Xero? Export your transaction feed and upload into the GL of your choice



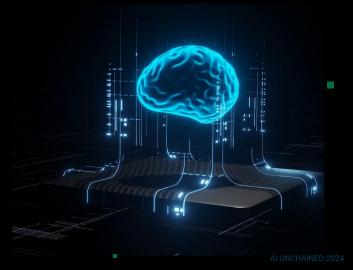


Bank Statements ② (Next statement available on 10-11-2024)								
09-15-2024	08-12-2024	07-13-2024	06-13-2024	05-12-2024	04-16-2024	Prior Statements	•	



# STATEMENT COLLECTION

Need the bank statement throughout the month? Statements can be accessed on the Account Details page and in the account's statement folder in Documents

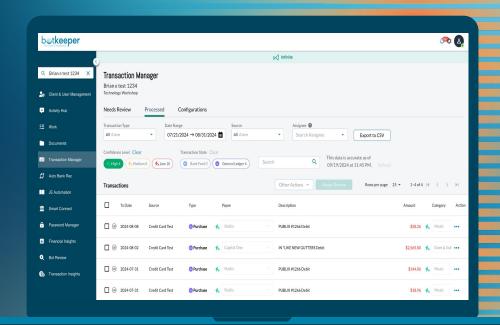






### TRANSACTION MANAGER

Transaction Manager combines machine learning with some light human assistance to auto-categorize transactions based on past transactions.





## AI/ML + AUTOPUSH



Enable daily digest for newly assigned transactions



Once notified, navigate to Needs Review tab using link in the email



- Review matches
  - Review ML predictions
- Update using bulk edit
  - Bulk add to gl mark reviewed



Unsure how to code it and need input from your client? Assign it to them and leave a comment ....



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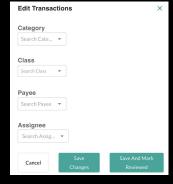
- Filter on high confidence and bulk mark reviewed
  - Review remaining transactions
    - · Potential matches
    - ML predictions
    - Using QBO payroll? Bulk exclude
- Update using bulk edit
- Bulk add to GL & mark reviewed



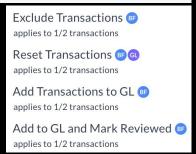
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#### **Edit Transactions**



#### Other Actions >



# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BULK

# **EDITS & ACTIONS**

Have transactions that need to be categorized or actioned similarly? Process transactions in bulk and take back all that extra time!





Vendor History

90.0% Utilities 10.0% Uncategorized Expense Description/Memo History

68.8% Utilities
31.3% Uncategorized Expense

REFERENCE VENDOR AND DESCRIPTION HISTORY WHEN IN DOUBT

If a vendor or description has been used in the client's history, there will be a calculation summarizing which categories were used, assisting you with categorizing the transaction without having to jump into the GL

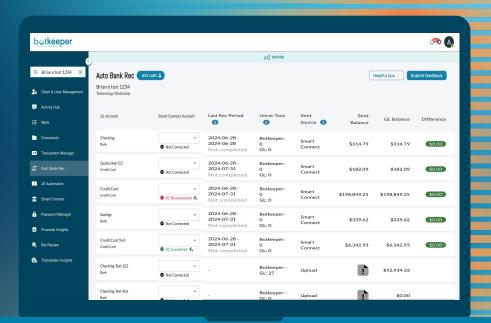






### **AUTO BANK REC**

Auto Bank Rec automates reconciliations with bank feeds and statements to identify outliers with smart, actionable solutions.



## **BANK FEED RECONCILIATION**



**REAL-TIME, CONTINUOUS** 



Smart Connect downloads new transaction



Reconciliation task generated



- Clear Needs Review tab in Transaction Manager
  - Navigate to Auto Bank Rec
- Review and resolve discrepancies between GL and Smart Connect
- Complete matches



Complete the rec and a report will be generated for the period
 Keep reconciliation open and new transactions will roll into it as they occur

### STATEMENT RECONCILIATION



### **CADENCE OF STATEMENT**



- Smart Connect downloads statement
- User uploads statement

02

Reconciliation task generated



- Navigate to Auto Bank Rec from task
  - Review and resolve discrepancies between GL and statement
- Complete matches



Reconciliation report generated

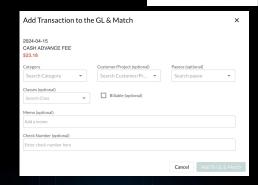
- Using QBO? Use the Open QBO shortcut and the rec report to finish the reconciliation in a few clicks
- Using Xero? You're all set! Reconciliation status has been synced over automatically

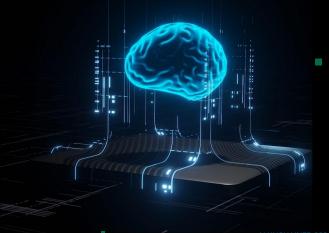
Find and Match



# LEVERAGE OCR TO EXTRACT STATEMENT TRANSACTIONS & **PUSH TO GL**

For any accounts that can't connect in Smart Connect or in the GL, you can add your statement transactions directly to the GL from **Auto Bank Rec** 





been added to the GL



# **LOOK FOR THE AUTOMATION** INDICATOR ON BANK FEED RECS

For any accounts that are connected in Smart Connect and you are completing a bank feed rec, look for the automation indicator to know whether a transaction has not been added to GL vet





Task Name	Project	Assignee	Due Date	Status
Upload SVB July Statement	Month End Close	B Brian Emposimato Client Point of Contact	09/20/2024	To-Do

# IF INSTITUTION ISN'T SUPPORTED FOR STATEMENT DOWNLOADS, ENSURE STATEMENTS ARE UPLOADED INTO THE ACCOUNT FOLDER TO KICK OFF RECONCILIATION AUTOMATICALLY

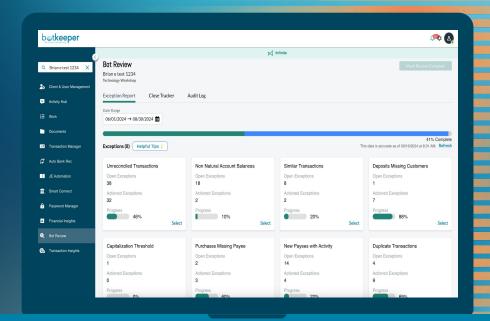
Leverage recurring doc uploads tasks to ensure statements are being uploaded into their correct folder so reconciliations can start processing automatically





### **BOT REVIEW**

Bot Review automates searching through the general ledger to find discrepancies. Bot Review flags the variances and exceptions you need to review. Easily review and fix any exceptions detected in your client's financials in real-time, leaving you with pristine books.





27% Complete

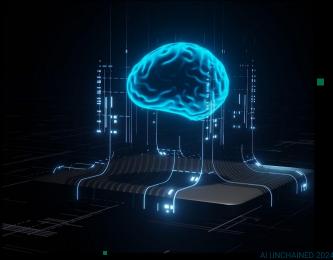
# CHECK FOR EXCEPTIONS CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO ENSURE CLEAN BOOKS

The Bot Review engine runs daily and will surface any exceptions found in the GL, enabling you to stay on top of issues before month end



### **MARK REVIEW COMPLETE**

Once all exceptions are cleared, use the Mark Review Complete button to **create an audit log showing who completed the review and when** 





# HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY HANDLING CREDENTIALS?

#### DO YOUR CLIENTS SOMETIMES SHARE CREDENTIALS VIA EMAIL?

## DOES YOUR TEAM OR CLIENT MANAGE AND STORE CREDENTIALS IN AN EXCEL OR SIMILAR FORMAT DIGITAL FILE?

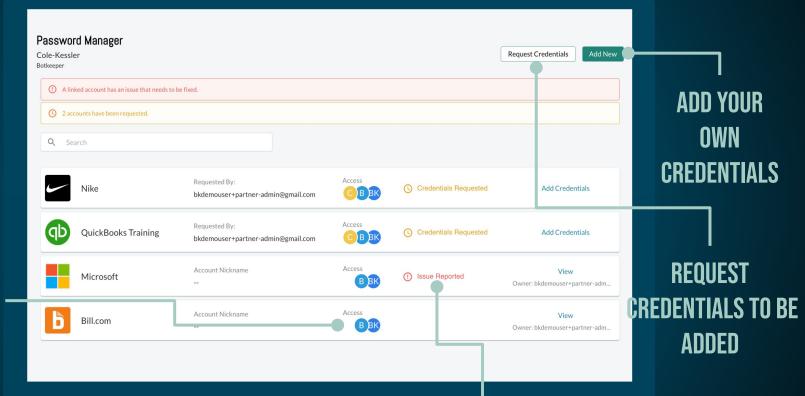
ARE SOME OF THE CREDENTIALS THEY SHARE WITH YOU THEIR PERSONAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT CREDENTIALS?

# NOW MORE THE EVER YOU NEED TO ADJUST!

not just for your liability sake but your clients!

## PASSWORD MANAGER

YOU CHOOSE
WHICH
CREDENTIALS TO SHARE WITH
BOTKEEPER

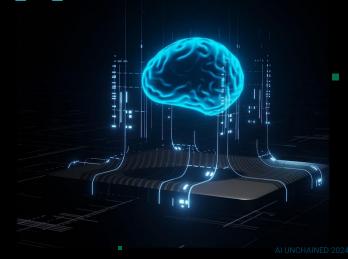


GET NOTIFIED IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES WITH YOUR CREDENTIALS



## **ENFORCE SECURITY**

It will only build trust with your clients!





## **PROJECTS**

Groups of tasks that deploy and can recur together

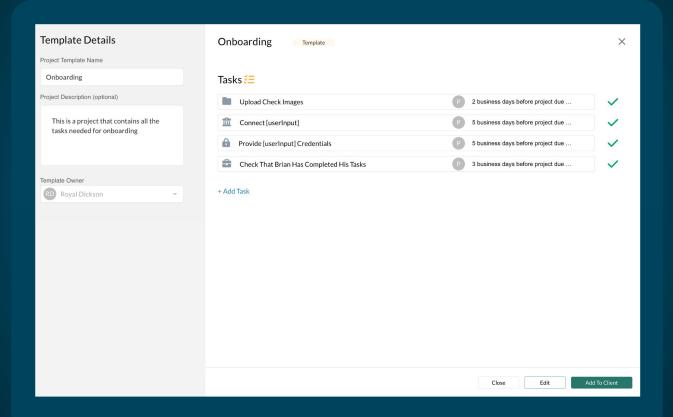
#### **Deployment**

Every time you deploy a client you have a list of things you will need from them

#### **Ongoing Service**

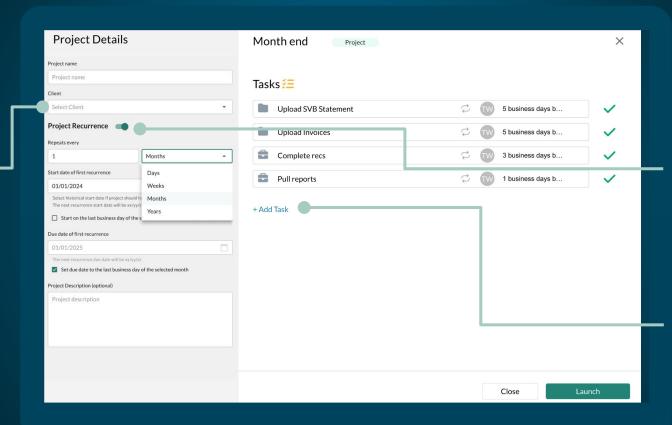
You have ongoing services for your clients that you may need to do the same tasks for regularly Ex: month end close

## PROJECT TEMPLATES



## PROJECT DEPLOYMENT/RECURRENCE

DEPLOY PROJECTS
BY CLIENT



CHOOSE IF
PROJECTS
SHOULD RECUR

ADD TASKS
THE TEMPLATE
MAY BE
MISSING

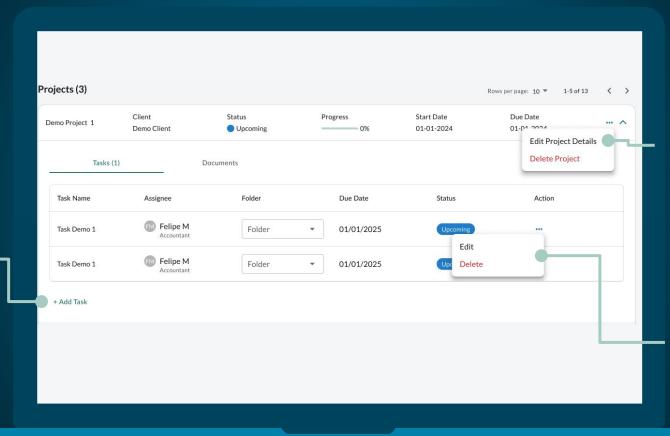


## **CREATE YOUR PROJECTS EARLY!**

The earlier your projects are created the less manual work you have to do! Set up project templates for deployment and your ongoing services (such as month end close) so you don't have to manually create those tasks every time a new client is onboarded

## PROJECT DEPLOYMENT/RECURRENCE

ADD TASKS
TO AN
EXISTING
PROJECT



EDIT PROJECT
DETAILS
INCLUDING
RECURRENCE
SCHEDULES

EDIT OR
DELETE
TASKS FROM
AN EXISTING
PROJECT

## SINGLE TASKS

Tasks outside of a project

#### **Manually Created tasks**

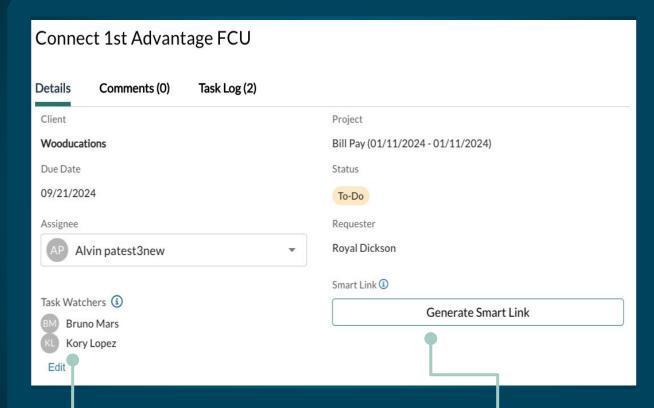
All the task types available for projects are also available to create one off tasks not connected to a project

#### **Automated tasks**

There are some tasks within the system that will be created for you when there is an issue that needs to be remedied

**Example: Smart Connect disconnect tasks** 

## **SMART LINK AND TASK WATCHERS**



GENERATE A SHAREABLE LINK TO ALLOW YOUR CLIENTS TO CONNECT
THEIR ACCOUNTS



## IF MULTIPLE PEOPLE NEED TO BE NOTIFIED USE WATCHERS

Maybe someone will be out of office they can have others be notified while they are out or maybe your managers need to stay in the know of task completion



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SMART LINK IF YOU DON'T HAVE CREDENTIALS

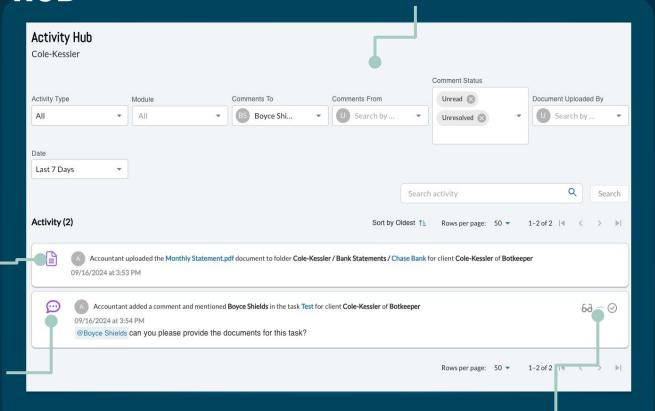
Even if you set up an initial connection if it becomes disconnected and you don't have the new credentials just create a link from the task to send to your clients! They don't even need a Botkeeper login!



Wouldn't it be great if there was one spot you could go to in the platform to see all important activity that pertains to you and your team?

## **ACTIVITY HUB**

#### **FILTERS FOR DAYS!**



SEE DOCUMENT ACTIVITY

SEE COMMENTS MADE ON ITEMS



## GET ALL CLIENT COMMUNICATION IN THE PORTAL

There is no downfall to having client communication in the portal besides the effort on your end to establish a clear message and stick to it!

But, it is worth it.





Have you ever lost track of the close status for a client or have trouble seeing the progress your managers or teams are making each month on their close?

### **CLOSE TRACKER**

Clients

Months

Search Client

Aug 2024 → Sep 2024

#### **ALL THE FILTERS YOU COULD EVER WANT!**

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Status

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Action

Add

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Client Point of Contact

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Search Client Point of Contact

Month Client Assignee Status Closed Date Accent Bank POC: abondoc+948483@bot Aug 2024 **ASSIGN EACH** keeper.com Cole-Kessler Aug 2024 POC: agalope+newca1@botk **CLOSE TO** Accountant eeper.com Fortune Inc. **SOMEONE IN** Aug 2024 POC: clientpoc@botkeeper.co Albert Account In progress **YOUR FIRM** I have started the close for this client - 9/16/2024

Assignee

Closed Date

All Dates → All Dates

SET A DATE
EACH MONTH
CLOSED

**KEEP NOTES FOR EACH CLOSE** 

TRACK STATUS OF YOUR CLOSE FOR EACH CLIENT

Delete

Cancel



## **KEEP YOUR CLOSE STATUSES UPDATED**

It's easy for a close to get off track! All it takes is 1 client not providing a document. Make sure your close statuses are updated and notes are accurate so you and your managers can keep track of where each client close is at and what may be a blocking issue.



# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FILTERS

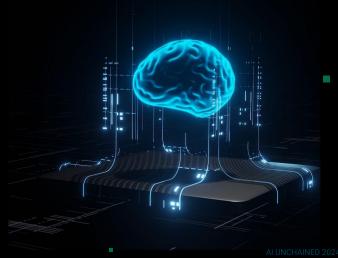
There are a lot of strong helpful filters to make your workflow more efficient



## BOOKS ARE CLOSED

NOW WHAT?

- 1. Pull reports
- 2. Kick off review for current month's close





## THANKS!









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