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The Sleeter Group's Awesome Application Awards Program is designed to recognize quality software solutions available in the SMB accounting software marketplace. Each year, we research solutions to identify and recognize the companies and products who deliver "awesome" value. The 2015 award recipients include a mixture of mature solutions with deep functions as well as several new products that show great value today and we believe will delight customers for many years to come.

The selection process included voting from the community between July and September 2014 and our expert panel worked during that time to diligently analyze each of the nominees. Community votes accounted for 40% of the final selections and the expert panel accounted for 60% of the overall score. This year's panel members include Charlie Russell, Joanie Mann, Randy Johnston, Stacey Byrne, and Scott Scharf. I thank them for their hard work in reviewing the nominees and helping us to recognize some truly awesome products. The 2015 Awesome Applications are:

ACCTivate! by Alterity

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BillQuick by BQE Software

BQE BillQuick is an integrated solution for Time and Expense Tracking, Billing, Project Management and Accounting. It is designed to help your firm increase performance, streamline processes and make decisions faster. With different editions to choose from, it's scalable to meet the needs of any firm size – from a single person to a global firm.

Intacct

Intacct is an online financial management and accounting system that helps small and mid-sized enterprises improve financial, managerial, and operational processes to increase business value. Intacct provides the foundation to help organizations better plan, budget, report and deep dive into analytics. This solution also streamlines data entry, accelerates the financial close process through automation, increases the accuracy of financial reporting, and reduces the burden of compliance.

LivePlan by Palo Alto Software

LivePlan is a cloud-based app that allows small businesses to easily: create business plans, create and track budgets and forecasts, craft funding pitches, monitor industry benchmarks and track financial trends and KPIs. Because of the integration with accounting systems, LivePlan is a great collaboration tool for accountants to use with their small business clients, and position themselves as trusted advisors.

QuickBooks Online

The newly designed and revamped QuickBooks Online provides small businesses and

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paperless workflow. Supporting over 15,000 vendor invoices and 10,000 national/local financial institutions, ScanWriter's user friendly interface and powerful scanning features improves accuracy, efficiency, and minimizes the risk of human error. ScanWriter enters hundreds of transactions in minutes directly from your, vendor invoices, receipts, credit card/bank/brokerage Statements, payroll reports and more! Also, ScanWriter simplifies the Bank Reconciliation process by automatically checking for duplicates, errors, and matching the QuickBooks transactions to you bank/credit card statements.

TSheets Time Tracking

Instant love. Ideally, that's what we're all aiming for in a technology match up. The perfect vibe. It should be an easy, intuitive experience that strikes a chord and sparks something real. So when [time tracking](#) meets accounting software, TSheets makes magic happen. Plugged into the way QuickBooks, Sage, ADP, Paychex and other solutions run, TSheets syncs up real timesheet data. This detail-packed data goes to work—no matter what program you're working in. Payroll, billing and invoicing get faster and more exacting. Instantly. For employees, TSheets is fun and easy to use online and offline virtually anywhere, including on a smartphone, tablet or app—even by clocking in with a phone call, text or tweet. For ProAdvisors, accountants and managers, it changes the way you'll think about time—and how to keep track of it all. Fall in love with the #1 employee rated and requested time tracking software on the planet at [TSheets.com](#).

Xero

Xero offers the scalability and features typically found in a full accrual accounting system. These include accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliations and more. Xero helps accountants and bookkeepers with control over the general

ledger and journal entry capabilities, along with fast management report

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with offering payroll. All government payroll taxes, reporting, and compliance are taken care of automatically and paperlessly. Accountants and bookkeepers can manage dozens of companies from a free, centralized dashboard. ZenPayroll also integrates with Xero, QuickBooks, and FreshBooks, so payroll data can sync seamlessly with your chart of accounts. We give CPAs the tools to become modern accountants, increase their revenues, and build stronger relationships.

Zoho Books

Zoho Books is a complete cloud accounting software which simplifies managing small business finances. The dashboard gives instant insights to business owners about the cash flow and a breakdown of expenses incurred. Bank feeds along with Bank Rules eliminates data entry in Zoho Books. It's easy to keep track of your customer and vendor transactions and you can collaborate with your clients and your accountant real-time.

More information on the Awesome Applications is at <http://www.sleeter.com/awesomeapps>.

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