# **Business Automation**

MAKING IT EASIER TO GET WORK DONE

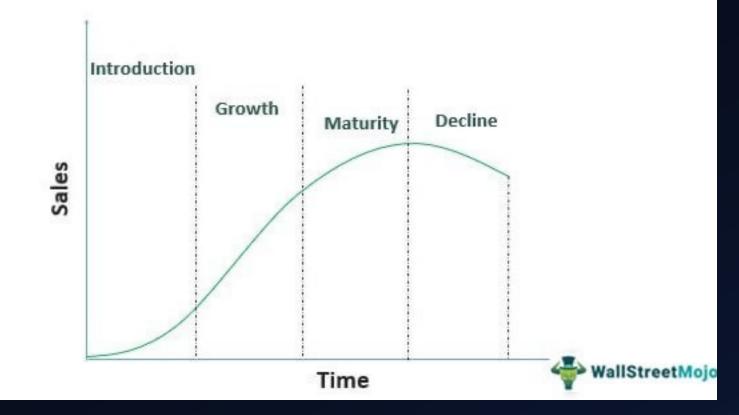
# What interested you about this webinar?

- My idea or service just isn't selling
- My business profit or revenue is down
- My customers aren't happy anymore
- My employees are too stressed out or too worried
- My managers are too stressed out or too worried
- I want to learn more about new technology

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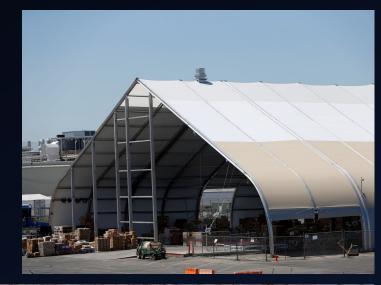
#### Running a business is difficult

# **Business Life Cycle**



# Introduction Stage Automation









# Are you actively doing kaizen and/or process improvement activities?

- Yes, Lean Manufacturing
- Yes, Six Sigma
- Yes, Theory of Constraints
- Yes, Total Quality Management
- Yes, Industrial Engineering
- Yes, we have a dedicated team that handles this
- Yes, our leader tells us what to do
- No, not really







## Take your Lean Journey to the next level...



#### A few questions to think about ...

- Are we on time or behind schedule?
- How many orders were late yesterday? Last month? Today?
- How many machines or production lines are currently down? Why?
- How many safety issues happened last week? Are they fixed?
- How do you track quality-related information? Work instructions?
- Do you use hour by hour charts? How did yesterday's charts look?
- Are you improving?



#### Automation

Moving a necessary step previous done by a human worker to a non-human solution without impacting safety or quality



#### Automation

- Physical Systems
  - Robots, Cobots, Sensors, PLCs, Vision Systems, Conveyor Systems

#### Business Systems

- Data Entry
- Reporting & Dashboards
- Analytics (real-time)
- Machine Learning
- Work Instructions
- Scheduling
- Purchasing
- Tech Support

# Physical Systems



# Business Systems



#### What can we do to make ERP easier to use?



## Necessary ... but confusing

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Process automation in SAP A \$1 billion company will spend \$500,000 to implement an ERP solution. It takes 24-36 months plus training.

It will cost them 2-3% of their revenue per year \$20-\$30 million ... every year

Updates cost \$100-\$200k to implement



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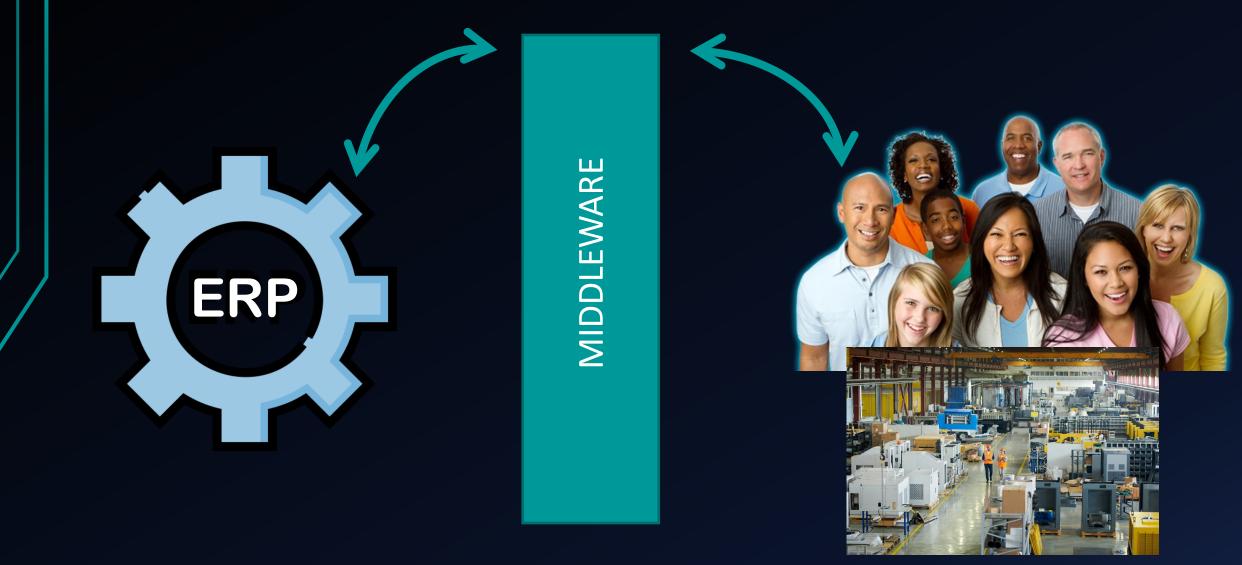


# Do you use an ERP solution currently?

- Yes, Sage
- Yes, SAP
- Yes, MAPICS
- Yes, Dynamics
- Yes, JobBOSS
- Yes, ProShop
- Yes, some other system
- No, not really

# How is it working for you?

### The Role of Middleware



## Example – Currency Counting



## Example – Injection Molding





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#### **Operator Assist Solutions**

- Sensors and Switches to automatically detect events
- Robotics to assist operators
- Vision Systems
- Pneumatic Systems
- Logic Controllers



- Algorithms for forecasting, scheduling, service, maintenance
- Maker kits for custom logic and one-of-a-kind solutions
- Front-end UI's for ease of use, reporting, dashboards

## As Simple or as Complex as you need





#### Building your own Business Automation Solutions

- It's never been easier to create intelligent & userfriendly solutions
- You are limited only by your imagination
  - No licensing fees for most software solutions
  - Start small, try, fail, learn, get better (PDCA)
  - Your terminology, your process, your way
- Compliments your Lean Journey very well
- Works with your ERP not against it or in place of it

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