

**Staying Connected to Users** 

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- What is Feedback?
- Why is Feedback Important?
- Audience Participation
- Group Discussion
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- Case Studies
- Staying Connected to Your Users

## Agenda

## Improving Feedback

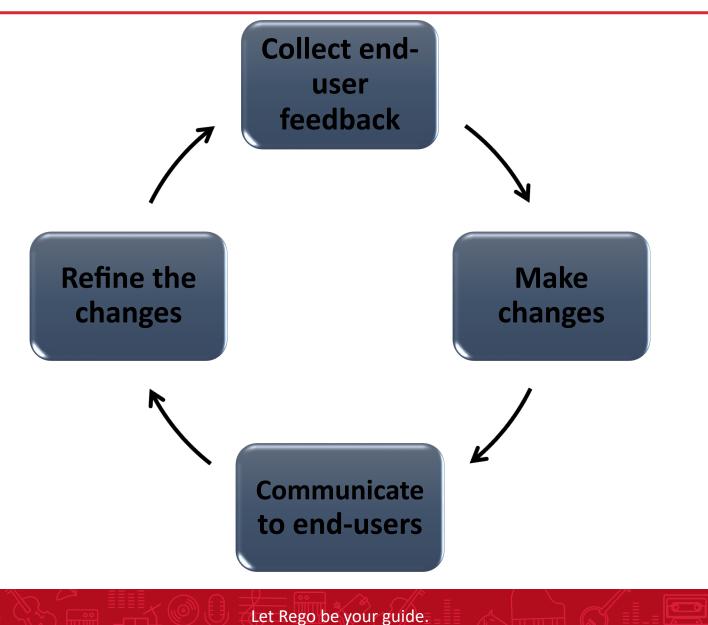


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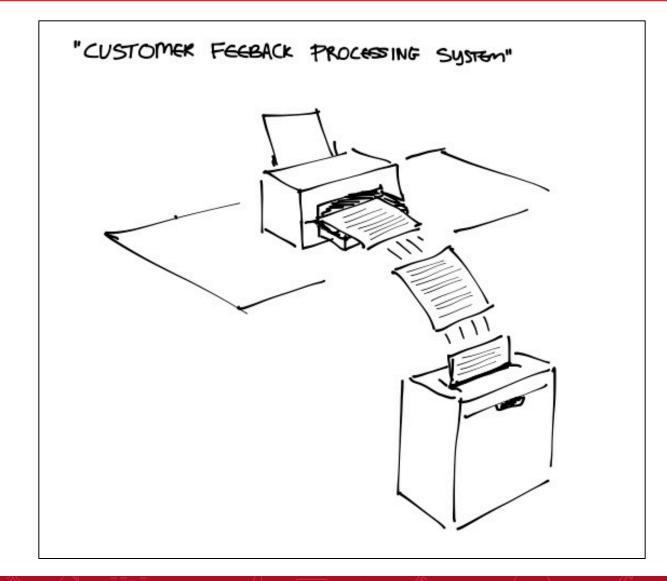
- Information coming directly from end-users about how they feel about a product or a service.
- Open-loop: Response to end-user feedback is not provided directly to the submitter.
- Closed-loop: A response is provided on each piece of end-user feedback, and allows a company to "close the loop".



### Closed-Loop Feedback Process



### Why Is Feedback Important?



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- It is truly the Voice of the Customer.
- Comments and complaints are an important resource for improving and addressing the needs and wants of the end-user.
- Feedback guides and informs decision-making and influences the product roadmap.
- Understanding interactions with Clarity is invaluable and drives innovation.
- Ultimately, closing the loop can lead to increased Clarity adoption, happier users, improved perception of the process and tool, and more successful projects.

## Audience Participation

### • Who **RECEIVES** feedback on Clarity today?



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### Audience Participation

### • Who **ELLICITS** feedback on Clarity today?



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## Audience Participation

- Who **ACTS** on that feedback?
- Why or why not?



## Group Discussion

• What are some of the things you currently do to close the feedback loop with your users?



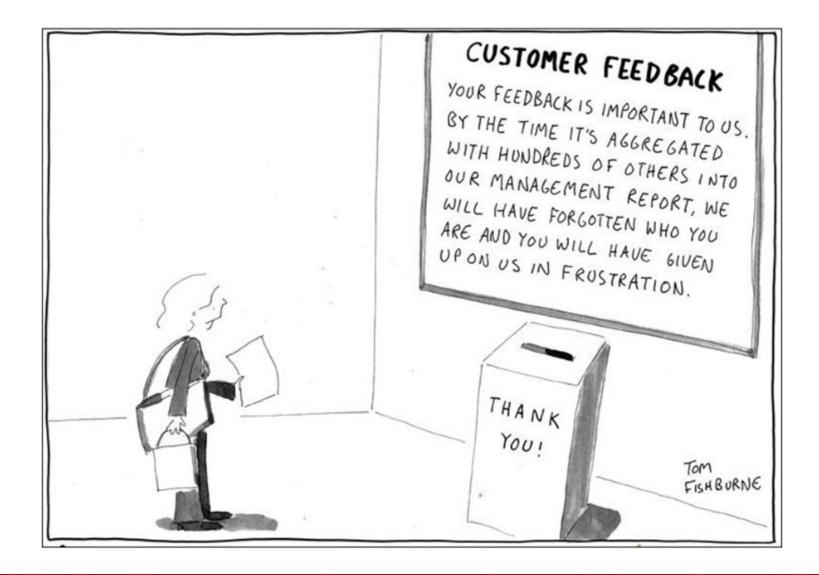
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# Methods Of Collecting Feedback



## Methods Of Collecting Feedback



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- Email Probably the most popular method for giving/receiving feedback
- Slack or Teams Channel Create a Chat Group just for feedback
- Survey Helpful, but can be costly and may not produce actionable results
- End-User Interviews/Meetings Sit down with end-users, Clarity Champions, Managers and discuss what they want from the tool, how they use it, where they run into issues
- Helpdesk Tickets What are the top 5-10 types of tickets on Clarity? What can you do to eliminate those 5-10 most popular ticket types?

- Observe Users in Their Environment When, how, why are they using Clarity at the times they're using it.
- Water-cooler/Social Listening What are people saying about Clarity?
- Adoption Metrics Do you have adoption metrics implemented? Are they positive, so-so, or just plain terrible?
- Watch a User Try to Perform the Tasks in Your Documentation This can be a humbling experience, but I guarantee you'll find areas to improve either in the tool or the training documentation.

## Case Studies



- Enhancement Capture in Clarity
  - Soliciting feedback on the product is often tedious and time consuming. This method
    provides your power users a way to enter requests directly into the system for triaging.
  - A custom investment for users to submit requests, manage the priority and track the progress of Clarity enhancement requests across the organization.
- Three-fer!
  - Provides a way for users to track the status of the request without reaching out to the Clarity team.
  - Provides a platform for the Clarity team to manage the backlog of enhancements to the product.
  - Pull these enhancements into a roadmap and quickly build a product roadmap for
- Increase the overall happiness and effectiveness of your Clarity users.

## Company Case Study #1 (Ross)

- Keep it simple
  - Allow the requestor to enter details and upload an attachment if necessary
  - The Clarity team should follow-up to get more details if necessary
- Use board view to track Bright Ideas, Backlog and Approved items.

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- **Overview** ~1500 users, heavily invested in training.
- Combination of Instructor-Led and Self-Paced Training, along with Office Hours.

#### • Training

- Periodic Instructor-Led Training Delivery, targeted not only at new users, but also for existing users
- Refresher classes; basics are reviewed, but honed for the more experienced user
- Sharepoint site all training materials (recordings, presentations, QRGs, etc) are organized and easy to find and download

### Office hours and Mentoring

- Twice a week virtual office hours with the Clarity Experts—all questions welcomed
- Adoption is key! For users that are not updating their schedules/entering time, have a sit-down and walk through any issues they are experiencing
- Identify if further training is needed or if there is a Clarity enhancement that can help!

# Staying Connected To Your Users



- **Communicate Changes to End-Users** This is critical to maintain adoption end-users by showing that you are continuously investing in the tool.
- **Preview** Communicate a preview of upcoming changes so end-users don't feel out of the loop.
- **Provide Release Notes** Users want to know what changed and how it will impact them.
- Contact Your Users Periodically Contact your users periodically with a friendly email asking if they have any questions or feedback.

 Establish Regular Communication Through Bi-weekly Tips – Provide the user little bits of knowledge in a consumable fashion. Provide a link to an established knowledge base if they want to learn more.

### Proactive Mentoring

- Use Rego Adoption Metrics to proactively identify people/groups who need help
- Have a sit-down and walk through any issues they're experiencing
- Make sure they're comfortable with what they are doing

## Questions?



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