



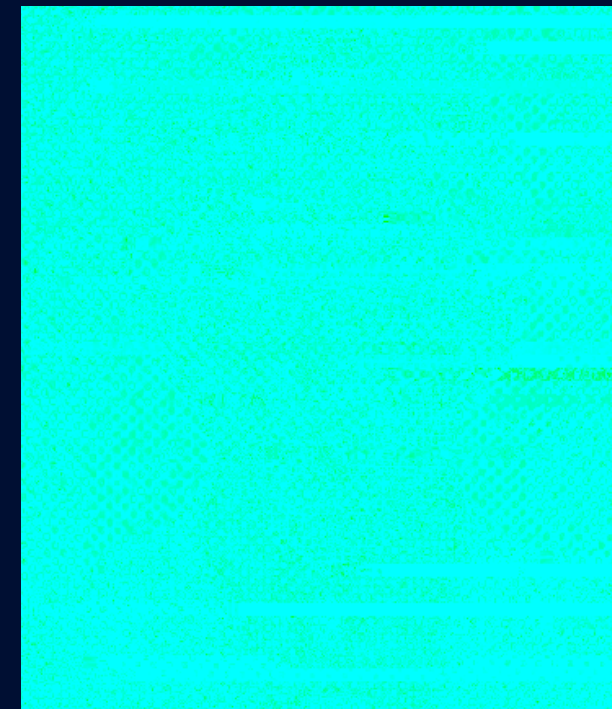
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## Alastair Donald Grigg

IT innovator and new ventures creator Alastair Grigg has played a core role in powering multibillion-dollar online accounting software company Xero to international eminence. Known for his ability to adapt and navigate an ever-changing online environment, Alastair has helped reshape the technological scene, driving ground-breaking projects for leading companies in the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

The former College Head Prefect joined IBM after graduating from Massey University with a Bachelor of Horticultural Science (Hons). His instinct for technology led to a rise to senior roles with a raft of companies, including corporate start-up Telecom Xtra, early web application developer Glazier Systems, and a stint in London with Utiyx, establishing an online energy procurement platform. He returned home to Air New Zealand as Chief Information Officer, overseeing the development of its online booking platform, before becoming an early investor in Xero and taking on the role of Chief Operating Officer and later leading its new ventures and partnerships division. Alastair is now an investor and advisor, providing guidance to a range of start-ups while also having a keen interest in how the education sector can create experiences outside the core learning journey that develop skills to better understand risk and build careers in a rapidly changing world.