



INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION AND OTHER LEADING TECHNOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

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AGENDA

Topic

1. Intelligent Automation Overview
2. Intelligent Automation and the Evolving Role of Internal Audit
3. Governance and Risk Management Considerations for the Intelligent Automation Lifecycle
4. Opportunities to Leverage Intelligent Automation in Internal Audit
5. Opportunities to Leverage Intelligent Automation in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (ICFR)
6. Getting Started with Intelligent Automation

OBJECTIVES

- By the end of this course, you will be better prepared to add-value to your Internal Audit functions and/or organizations in the following ways:
 - Spreading awareness and advising key stakeholders of the important governance, risk and control considerations for implementing and maintaining automation technologies.
 - Identifying and realizing opportunities to leverage automation technologies across all three lines of defense, including Internal Audit.
 - Understanding and delivering Internal Audit's role in supporting your organization's intelligent automation vision, both as a consultant to the business and as an assurance provider to key stakeholders.
 - Strategically developing and positioning the internal audit function to evolve with the future needs of the business.

I. INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTORY VIDEO



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THE GROWING LANDSCAPE OF DIGITAL

Business process
as a service



Blockchain and other
distributive ledger/
database systems



Mobility
solutions



Cloud
services



Social media and
collaborative technologies



Business intelligence/
analytical tools and advanced
competencies in data science



Robotic process
automation



- Basic
- Enhanced

Cognitive
automation



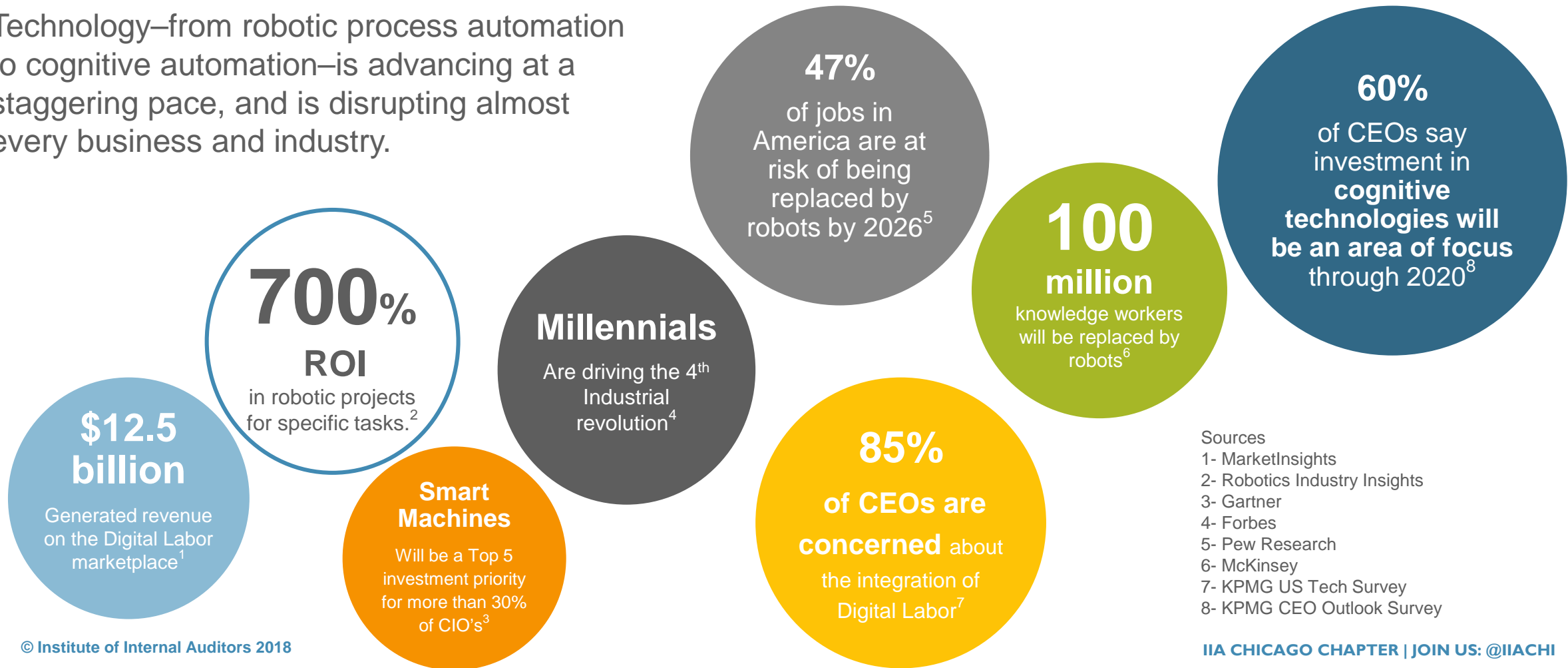
Internet of
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Intelligent Automation

INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION IS HAPPENING NOW

Technology—from robotic process automation to cognitive automation—is advancing at a staggering pace, and is disrupting almost every business and industry.



INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION, WHAT IS IT?



Business Process Automation?

Robotic Process Automation?

Natural Language Processing?

Machine Learning?

Artificial Intelligence?

Cognitive?

Digital Labor?

INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION, WHAT IS IT?

Often referred to as the “New Industrial Revolution,” Intelligent Automation leverages data and analytics, robotic, cognitive, and artificial intelligence technologies to automate activities, from routine business process activities to complex knowledge work.

Common Benefits of Intelligent Automation:



Reduced Cost, Greater Cost-Effectiveness



Increased Speed and Capacity



Increased Quality and Accuracy



Skilled Human Professionals Empowered to Generate Impactful Insights and Smarter, Faster Decisions



Enable Continuous Monitoring



Improved Control

SOME OF THE DRIVING FORCES FOR INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION

Cost Efficiency

Estimated ROI:

40-80% cost take out for relevant functions

1 Automated FTE equivalent to 2-7 FTE

Onshore return: -10x Offshore return: -3x

Consistency & Predictability

Software robots do not make inconsistent decisions. They are configured to solve a problem the same way every time.

Quality & Reliability

Software robots do what you tell them to do. When properly configured they do not make mistakes and thereby eliminate human error

Productivity & Performance

Software robots work 24/7,365. They do not take vacations, get sick, suffer from work/life balance, and perform tasks at digital speed,



Scalability

Cognitive systems can learn from top company performers and quickly transfer learnings other employees. This knowledge scaling is invaluable

Employee Satisfaction

Eliminating repetitive tasks allows employees to focus on more profound strategic initiatives, increasing job satisfaction

Auditability

Software robots keep the perfect audit trail a file built by the software that documents every action it took and the corresponding result.

INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION SPECTRUM

A spectrum of technology that enables automation



Class 1 Basic Process Automation

Automation of entry-level, transactional, rule-based, & repeatable processes

Key Features	Macro-based	Unstructured Data	Natural Language Processing	Knowledge Base	Adaptive Alteration
		✓			
	Predictive Analytics	Machine Learning	Reasoning	Large-scale Processing	Big Data Analytics

Example: A US-based online bank has used RPA to automate tier 1 inquiries (i.e., address change)



Class 2 Enhanced Process Automation

Technology that enables use of structured and some unstructured data to support elements of self learning

Key Features	Macro-based	Unstructured Data	Natural Language Processing	Knowledge Base	Adaptive Alteration
			✓	✓	✓
	Predictive Analytics	Machine Learning	Reasoning	Large-scale Processing	Big Data Analytics
		✓		✓	

Example: An energy company utilized all and advanced semantic reasoning to deploy a virtual service desk agent (click to chat) to rapidly understand questions, provide customers with answers, and escalate to humans if needed



Class 3 Cognitive Automation

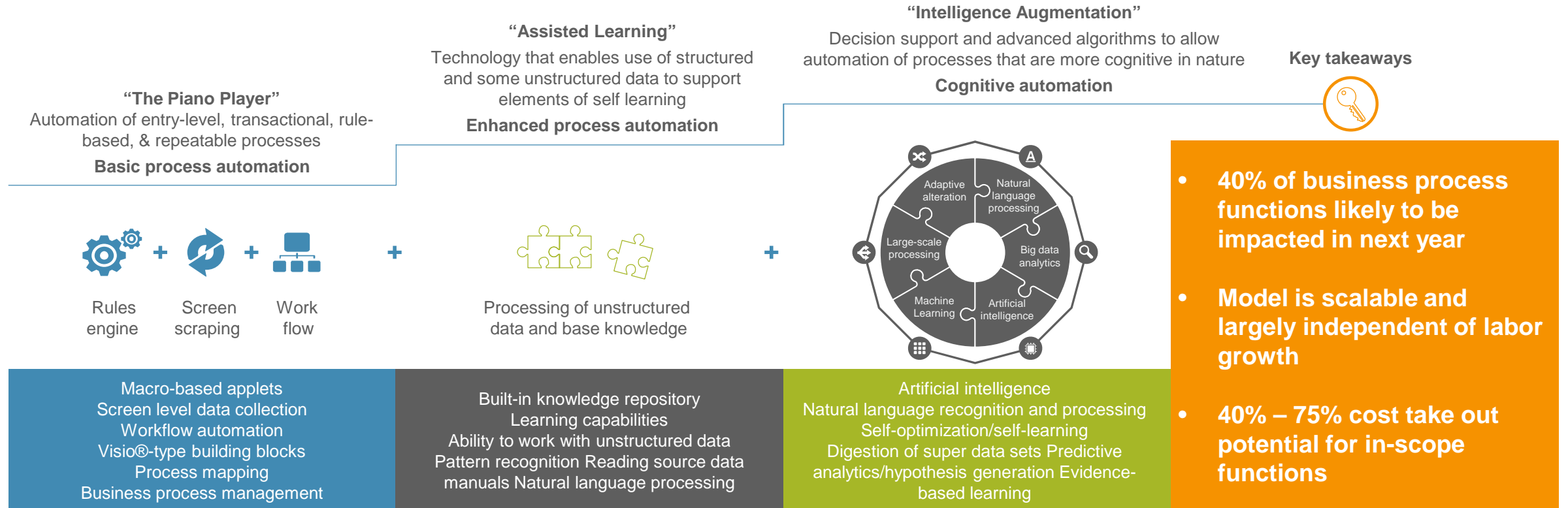
Decision support and advanced algorithms to allow automation of processes that are more cognitive in nature

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Example: IBM Watson's natural language processing, machine learning, pattern recognition and probabilistic reasoning algorithms are aiding skilled employees with complex decisions

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2. INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION AND THE EVOLVING ROLE OF INTERNAL AUDIT

KEY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNAL AUDIT

Governance Risk and Controls

Internal Audit can help to **integrate governance, risk, and controls considerations** throughout the automation program lifecycle as an organization establishes and implements its intelligent automation program.



Productivity / Performance

Internal Audit can help the organization **identify opportunities to embed automation-enabled control activities** within the impacted business processes.

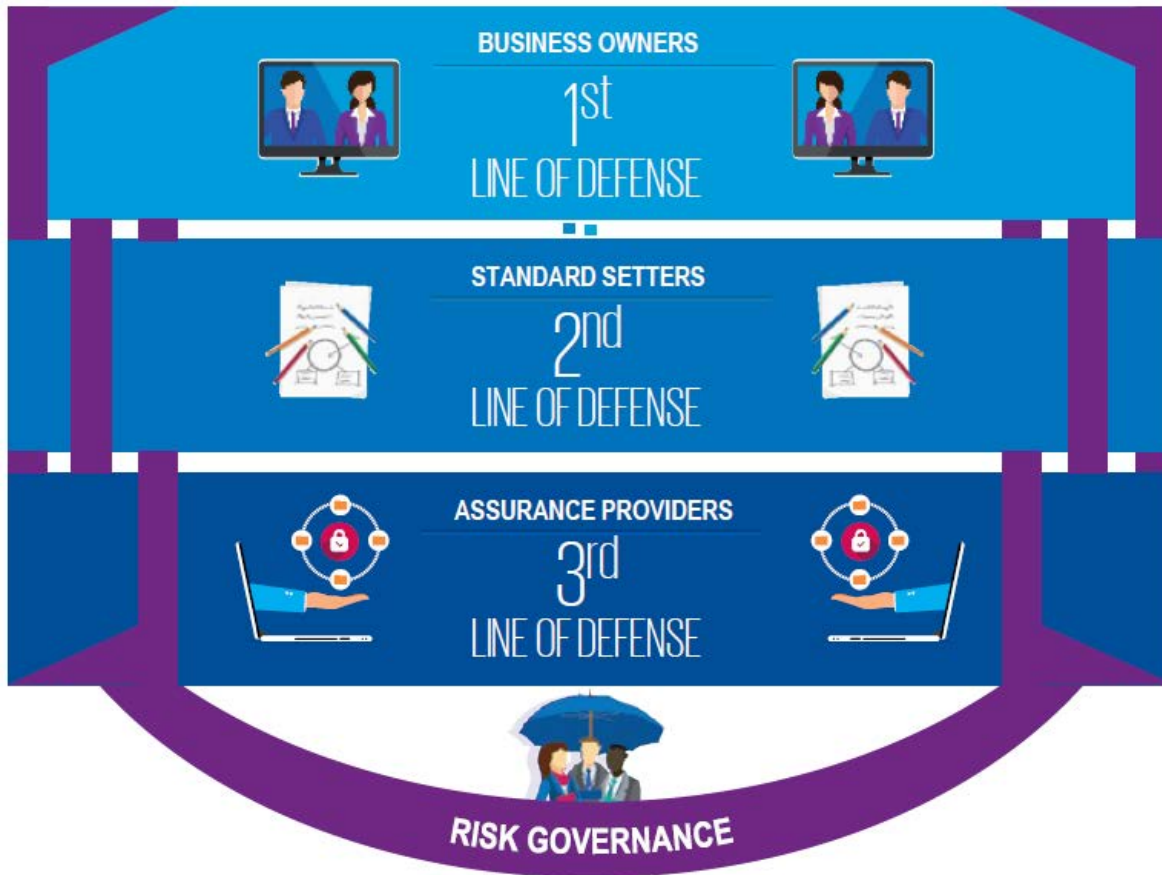


Cost Efficiencies

Internal Audit can capitalize on intelligent automation labor innovations to increase the **efficiency and effectiveness of its own activities**.



THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION ACROSS ALL THREE LINES OF DEFENSE



First Line of Defense – Consulting with Business owners:

- **Advise:** Act as a key “automation advisor” to the First Line
- **Assess Risk:** Help assess the impact that automation initiatives might have the organization's systems, controls and changing risk profile
- **Automate Control Activities:** Help identify opportunities to embed automation-enabled control activities into automation initiatives

Second Line of Defense – Consulting with Standard Setters:

- **Advise:** Act as a key “automation advisor” to the Second Line
- **Assess Risk:** Help identify risks associated with automation initiatives. Key areas for consideration include: (1) Authentication of bots, (2) Change management, (3) Program and bot monitoring ,and (4) Overall risk and governance.
- **Set Standards:** Advise on appropriate procedures and standards to address the governance, risk, and control considerations associated with an automation program.
- **Automate Control Activities:** Help identify opportunities to leverage automation within monitoring controls, regulatory compliance, regulatory policies, and reporting activities.

Third Line of Defense – As an Assurance Provider:

- **Advise:** Perform consultancy and/or assurance services to assess the governance, risk and control procedures and standards that are established and executed by the First Line and Second Line.
- **Automate the Third Line:** Seize automation opportunities to help Internal Audit reduce its costs, improve outcome quality, and drive additional value within the Internal Audit organization.

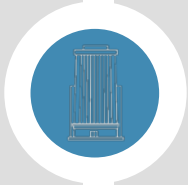
WHAT ARE YOU SEEING IN YOUR ORGANIZATION?

- Where and how is your organization considering or implementing intelligent automation?
 - First line activities?
 - Second line activities?
- Is your organization's third party outsource providers considering or implementing intelligent automation?
- Is there an opportunity to leverage an existing platform within the organization for Internal Audit's cost benefit?



INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 1ST AND 2ND LINES OF DEFENSE

Enterprise functions



Human resources

- Employee on-boarding and off-boarding
- Payroll
- Time recording and compliance
- Repeatable tasks in ERP
- Email notifications
- Populating/aggregating employee information



Sales and marketing

- NLP enabled analytics
- Social media mining/monitoring
- Predicting high value sales leads
- Manual CRM updates
- Virtual sales agents



Customer support

- Virtual agents (chat bots)
- Call center “agent assist”
- Task execution



Finance and accounting

- Month-End reporting
- Invoice processing/exceptions
- AP/AR actions
- Close and reconcile sub-ledgers
- Asset depreciation and impairment
- Fixed asset reporting
- Financial forecasting
- Invoice validation and processing
- Tax filings



Legal/compliance

- Research/document review
- Document preparation
- Controls automation



Supply chain

- Order flow through
- Inventory Mgmt.
- Exceptions/fallout



Procurement

- Process Purchase Order
- Spend Analysis & Report.
- SLA Reporting
- Employee T&E Setup

WHAT ABOUT RISK?

- What risks do you see with your organization's intelligent automation initiatives?
 - What about your organization's third party outsource providers?
- How is Internal Audit helping management to assess these risks?

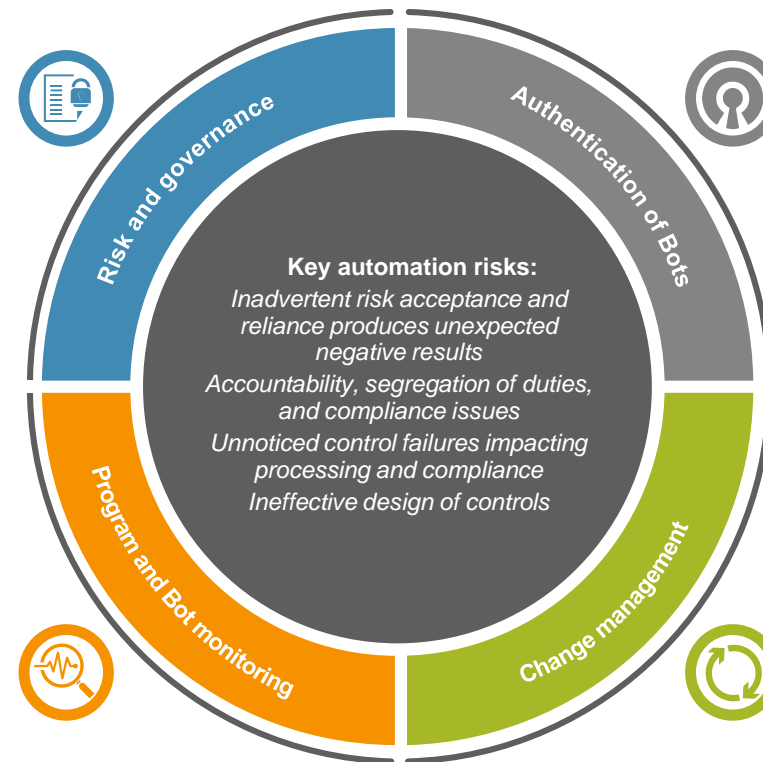


COMMON RISK PITFALLS OF INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION PROGRAMS

As organizations implement intelligent automation programs, there are common pitfalls related to the emerging governance, risk, and control considerations related to such programs.

Understanding these potential pitfalls—and why they matter to the success of the program and organization—can help the organization develop a plan to mitigate, or even prevent, such issues.

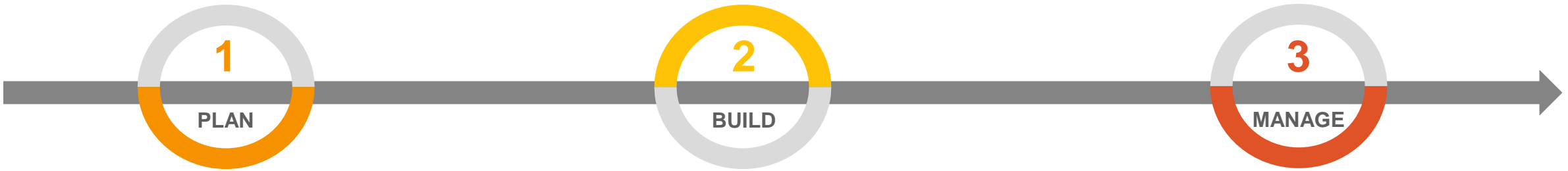
- Undefined ownership of intelligent automation program
- General lack of oversight of risk
- General lack of program oversight
- Lack of consistent and secure development and management of bots.
- Varying skill levels and inconsistent developer training
- Lack automated alerting tools for error handling and resolution
- General lack of controls around “is the bot doing what it is supposed to be doing”



- Lack controls for proper ownership of Bot ID and effective integration of the Bot IDs with applications.
- Lack of bot accountability relating to security, privacy, and compliance requirements.
- Improper bot access provisioning and password management.
- Lack of formal process for assessing how source application changes affect Bots that access them.
- Lack formal and consistent process for requesting and implementing changes to Bots.
- Lack of segregation of RPA development and production.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION LIFECYCLE

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RPA PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Assess strategy and both business and operating model impacts	Identify, prioritize and build automation solutions	Drive continuous improvement, technology governance, and program management
Establish Program Management: Infrastructure Management, 3 rd Party Management, RPA Support Functions, Strategy & Advisory, Benefits Realization, & Knowledge Management		

RPA RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Understand risk profile and appetite including business and compliance requirements	Deploy training, templates, and toolkits enabling effective and timely identification, mitigation, and monitoring of risk	Continuously audit and manage risks
Establish Risk Management: Access and Change Management, Availability and Business Continuity, Secure Development, Auditing and Traceability, Data Integrity, Security, Privacy, and Compliance.		

GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION LIFECYCLE

PLAN THE BOT – CONSIDERATIONS

- Ownership and accountability of bots
- Identification of impacted regulatory requirements and privacy considerations
- Risk and governance committees
- Organizational and people change management
- Program management

BUILD THE BOT – CONSIDERATIONS

- Understanding the nature of the data the bots access and their interaction with applications
- Helping ensure bots are developed to specified requirements and secure coding practices and tested
- Principles of “least privilege” for logical access/layered security model
- Secured authentication and encrypted communication channels
- Skills, capabilities, and training

MANAGE THE BOT – CONSIDERATIONS

- Business continuity and disaster recovery
- Monitoring and error handling
- Auditing, logging, and traceability
- Processing integrity
- Skills, capabilities, and training
- Vendor risk management

4. OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION IN INTERNAL AUDIT

EXAMPLES OF SCOPING AREAS FOR INTERNAL AUDIT



**Risk
Assessment**



**Planning
and scoping**



Testing



Reporting



**Remediation
monitoring**



**Audit
management/PMO**




**Engagement
administration**


AUTOMATING THE INTERNAL AUDIT METHODOLOGY


Example Areas for Automation Opportunity:


Strategic Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automated strategic analysis reports Monitoring of strategic KPIs
Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous Risk Assessment Control Self-Assessment
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOX Scoping Process flowchart and narrative creation and updates Lead sheet generation PBC management & reporting
Execution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/R Aging Bank reconciliations Account reconciliations Credit card account reconciliations (Banking) Nightly settlement reports (Banking) Financial and disclosure statement tie-out Monthly consolidation and elimination entries Franchise and management fee audits Records management audits Data analytics-enabled applications Sales and use tax processing Officer expense reviews Cash transfers IPE / spreadsheet testing Lease to rent rolls & percent rent re-calculation (Real Estate) Borrowing reconciliations Loan reviews (Banking) SOC1 report evaluation Multi-location audits Automation monitoring Contract compliance Vendor audits
Reporting and Continuous Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual-based audit report and findings generator Status reporting GRC tool integration


BENEFITS OF INTEGRATING AUTOMATION WITHIN INTERNAL AUDIT PROCESSES


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Reduced Cost – automation replaces high-touch, repetitive, manual activities
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Increased Quality – automation, once configured, execute consistently and without error
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Enable Continuous Risk Assessment, Auditing, and Monitoring – automation creates the potential for frequent or continuous risk assessment, auditing, and business-focused monitoring
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Increased Capacity – automation allows more to be done across a broader range of audit activities with the same number of people
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Increased Sample Rate – automation permits evaluation of larger numbers of transactions, even up to one-hundred percent sample size
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Improved Reporting – automation allows for efficient analysis of large data sets, with conditional analysis, to create better insights

5. OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING (ICFR)

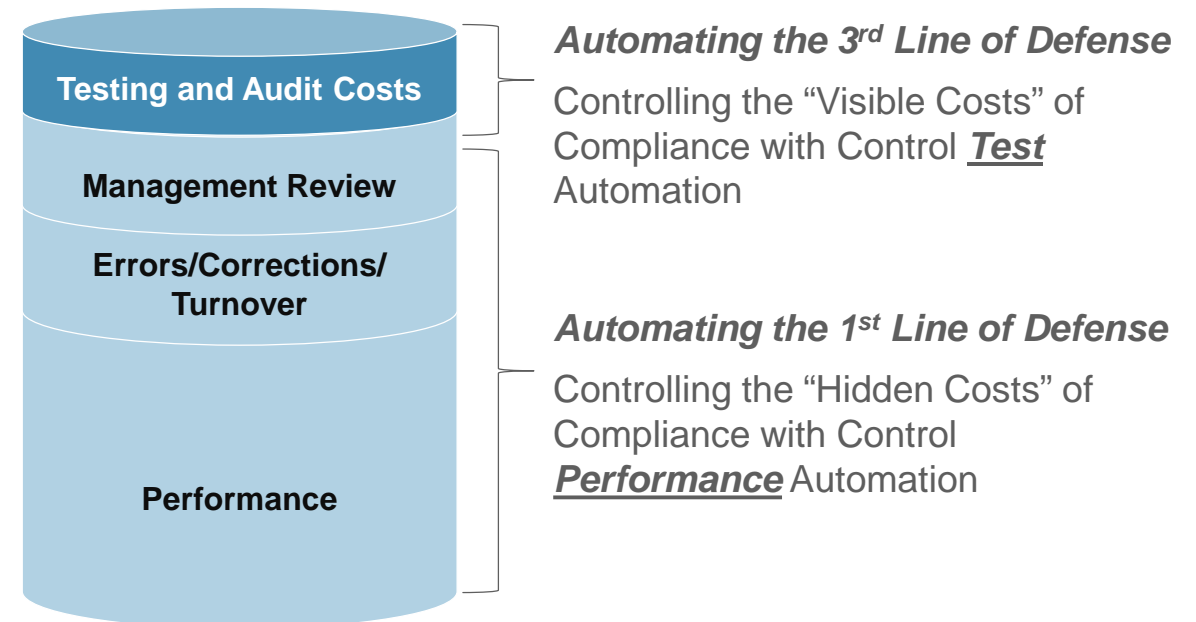
ICFR AUTOMATION IS ON THE HORIZON

Controls Survey¹ revealed that 83% of companies focused their 2016 Internal Controls over Financial Reporting (ICFR) strategy on minimizing costs related to documentation and testing of processes. However, the reality is that Auditing costs are only a small percentage of the total cost of controls.

Typically organizations don't consider "Hidden Costs" associated with control operation when calculating their cost of control. This represents an area with great potential for efficiencies by optimizing processes with automation.

Lack of focus on process improvement and "value add" continues to undermine the effectiveness of many programs in reducing risk, reducing cost, and driving value.

Cost of control components



Sources
1- KPMG 2016 Controls Survey

EXAMPLE AREAS OF AUTOMATED SOLUTIONS FOR CONTROL TESTING

Business Process Testing - Automated Testing of Manual and Automated Controls

Manual	Automated	Other Control Testing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reconciliations ▪ A/R Aging ▪ Cash Transfers ▪ Journal Entry Analysis ▪ Fee Audits ▪ Loan Review ▪ Nightly Settlement ▪ Contract Compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edit Checks ▪ Validations ▪ Calculations ▪ Interfaces ▪ Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compliance testing ▪ Cyber security testing ▪ P&C Reserving ▪ Payments – OFAC compliance ▪ Payments reconciliations ▪ Positive pay validation

IT Controls Testing – Automated Testing of IT General Controls by Platform and/or ERP

Change Management	Logical Access	Computer Operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes are Authorized ▪ Changes are Tested ▪ Changes are Approved ▪ Dev Access to Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passwords ▪ New Users ▪ Periodic Review ▪ Terminations ▪ SOD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incident Management ▪ Backups ▪ Job Scheduling ▪ Physical Security

INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION IMPACT TO SOX

Understanding intelligent automation in SOX

Increased focus on internal controls over financial reporting is intersecting with the increase of automation. Companies are continually looking for ways to automate formally manual, time intensive, arduous processes tasks or controls. As automation increases, companies need to think through:

1

Does my scoping of key financial systems include tools/transformation technologies ?

2

How are underlying, general IT controls changing to address new technology platforms ?

3

How is automation impacting business process controls and reports relied upon by management ?

4

If new automated controls are identified has the company identified the appropriate test procedures to address and understand the system complexity and logic?

6. GETTING STARTED WITH INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION

HOW SHOULD A LEADER BEGIN THE AUTOMATION JOURNEY?

Outlined below is a high level guide a leader can utilize to begin the automation journey.

- ➔ Identify and prioritize the potential use cases for automation
- ➔ Develop a multifaceted strategy and roadmap for implementing automation in the organization
- ➔ Select the right providers and partners to assist with the automation journey and roadmap
- ➔ Establish a governance strategy (risk security and compliance) to help oversee the automation program and ensure benefits expected are realized
- ➔ Establish a change management strategy to ensure effectiveness of adoption of automation throughout functions

POSSIBLE FACTORS TO CONSIDER FOR USE CASE IDENTIFICATION

- Maturity level and complexity of existing Risk Assessment, Planning, Testing, Reporting and Project Management processes
 - Existing audit tools in use
- Types (structured, unstructured, semi-structured), quality (paper, electronic, digital) and access to data to be used by Internal Audit?
- Maturity and complexity of the control environment
 - Total number of controls
 - Entity level versus process level
 - IT versus Business Process controls
 - Number of manual, semi-automated, automated
 - Controls stability level
 - Languages used in documentation / evidence
- Complexity and stability of business processes
- Number and complexity of IT systems



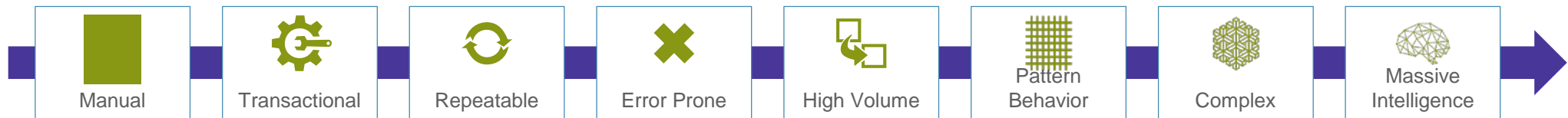
IDENTIFYING INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION USE CASES

Class 1
Basic process automation

Class 2
Enhanced process automation

Class 3
Cognitive automation

Types of Tasks



Complexity of task or job function?



Level of Judgment required?



How extensive is the data?





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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

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