

Internal Audit Advancement

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work with clients seamlessly even when we're not on-site and we're well equipped for remote work







Agenda

01 WORKFORCE TRENDS

02 OUTSOURCING AND CO-SOURCING

03 AUTOMATION



Workforce Trends

POLLING QUESTION

What's the most challenging workforce trend you anticipate for your department?

- A. Talent acquisition
- B. Talent engagement
- C. Talent retention
- D. Changing work environment

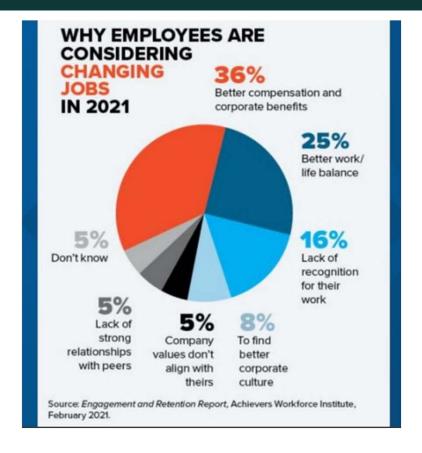


Acquisition of Talent

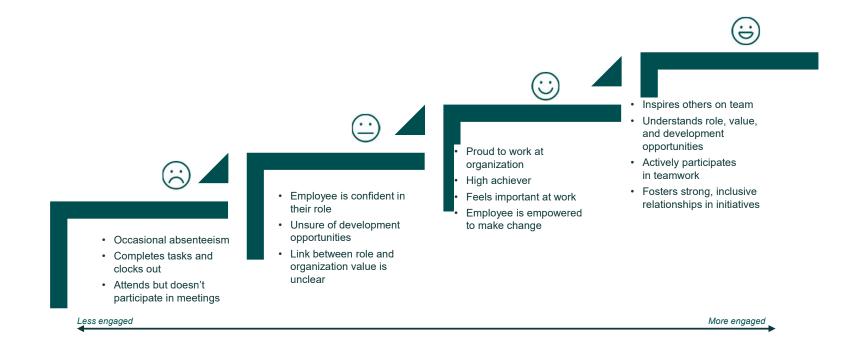




Engagement, Collaboration, and Inclusivity



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Retention of Talent



Future of Work

When and Where Is The Work Done?

- Flexible schedules
- 4-day work week
- Remote
- Hybrid
- Return to work

Who Does The Work?

- Human → technology
- · Connected workforce
- Temporary assignment
- Workgroups
- Gig workers
- Outsourced
- Crowdsourced

How Is Work Done?

- · Agile and digital
- Digital human equivalent
- Artificial intelligence
- Chat GPT
- Automation
- Machine learning
- Robotics



POLLING QUESTION

What strategies is your organization employing to overcome workforce challenges?

- A. Targeted recruitment
- B. DEI program investment
- C. Workforce development
- D. Innovation
- E. All of the above
- F. Unsure



Outsourcing and Co-sourcing

What is co-sourcing or outsourcing?

- Engaging a third-party firm to perform the function of internal audit, on its behalf
- Outsourcing as a whole
 - Entire internal audit function
- Co-sourcing- specific critical areas
 - Supplemental to existing internal audit function



Question

How many of you outsource or co-source your internal audit function?



Factors that influence the need to outsource or co-source

- Limited qualified talent
- Time
- Turnover
- Budgeting pressures in the current rate environment
- Higher regulatory pressures
- Growth



Pros

- Effectively manage utilization of internal resources
- Leverage industry expertise
- Tap into skillsets unique to certain areas
- Stronger independence
- Cost effective
- Allows budget to adjust over time as relative risk priorities shift



Cons

- Absence of responsibility
- Lack of coordination / communication
- Lack of cultural "fit"
- Higher initial costs



Execution



Assessment of internal audit needs



Establishment of governance structure



Identification of external providers and due diligence



Monitoring of performance



Formulation of scope of work



Evaluation of results



Automation

Question

Are you using advanced technology to assist with audits?



Continuous Audit Framework





Setting the Stage: Continuous Auditing

Why Continuous Auditing is gaining traction:

- Data everywhere—with a way to capture it
- Increased development of analytics tools—more functionality, lower cost
- Being asked to "do more with fewer resources"

Benefits of an effective Continuous Auditing program:

- Execute faster and more cost-effective audit programs
- Achieve 100% coverage versus a sample-based audit
- Be notified of exceptions or issues as they happen versus when you perform an audit
- Bring clarity to an otherwise complex business environment





Analytic Process Automation (APA)

APA is software that allows users to automate data and analytic centric business processes.



You have large data sets that require a lot of manual data prep and manipulation that is being done in a 'big spreadsheet'



You need to collect and combine data from multiple systems or transfer data into a database



You need to prepare data for insights and use this data to power reports and dashboards



You want to 'free up' time for employees who are wrangling excel sheets



You want to complete time-intensive analysis more frequently and efficiently without having to adjust head count



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NS1	What work are you doing in excel spreadsheets thats manual and error prone. Use of APA (e.g., Alteryx) Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS2	Use APA to pool data from ERP and combine with another random excel spreadsheet, you can pool that data using APA. Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS3	APA is Automating your data preparation Noory Song, 6/8/2022



Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

An RPA bot is a software program that automates processes completed on a computer. It interacts with the user interface by using clicks, inputting information, etc. in the same way a human would. Processes that have the following characteristics can benefit from the use of RPA.

HIGH VOLUME

REPETITIVE

INVOLVES MULTIPLE SYSTEMS

HIGH PROBABILITY OF HUMAN ERROR

RULES-BASED

DATA INPUT

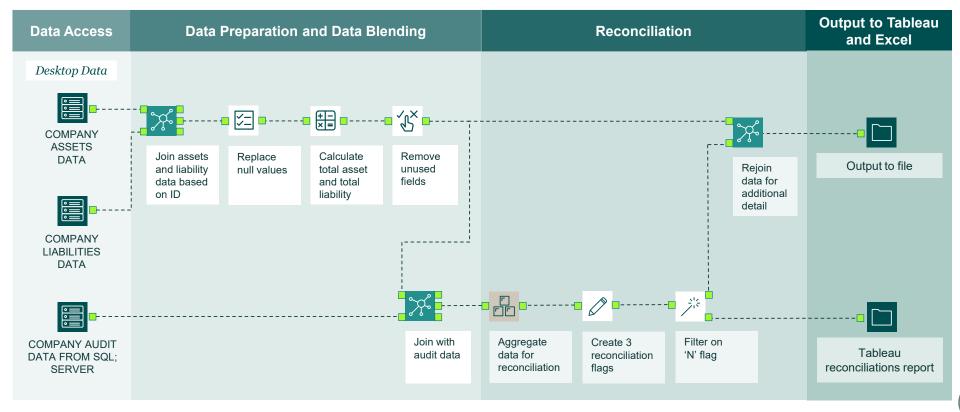
DATA CAPTURE

DATA MOVEMENT

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NS4	Task based automation. Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS5	bot - RPA software that is running on your computer (market leader currently is UI PATH) Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS6	Bank recons could be performed by a bot Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS7	entering invoices into AP/AR software Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS8	bot can read PDF Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS9	updating HMDA LARs or Fair lending items from loan files. scanning quality and handwriting are limiting factors. Noory Song, 6/8/2022
NS10	continues to advance. Significant improvement even over the past year. Large players continue to invest. Noory Song, 6/8/2022

Alteryx Automated Workflow



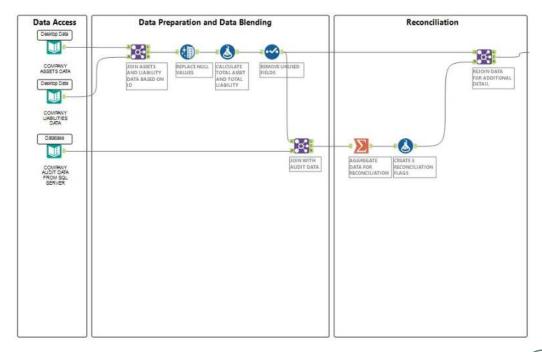
Payroll Reconciliations

Risk Assessment:

High amount of manual effort goes into performing payroll reconciliations.

Data Availability:

Data comes from our payroll provider and then is reconciled against the previous month's data automatically.

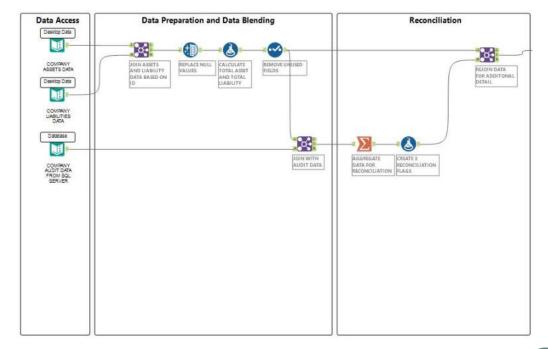




Payroll Reconciliations

Develop Audit Steps & Tests:

Leverage automation software to reconcile our current month's month end payroll information against terminated employees and previous month's payroll.



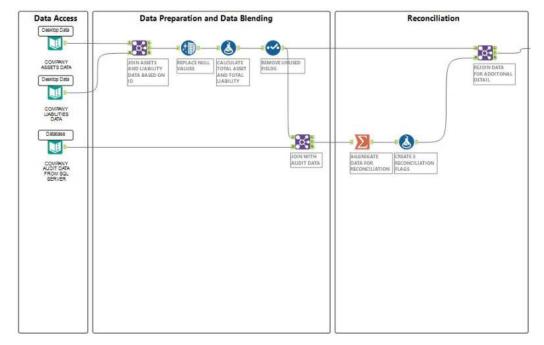


Payroll Reconciliations

Define Alert Mechanism & Response Protocol: Automatic analysis of employee payroll records versus pre-defined tests.

Evaluate & Present Findings:

Analysis of cash exiting the organization and to ensure accurate employee compensation (for example, accurate W-2 reporting).





File System Maintenance

Risk Assessment:

How can we be more proactive with being alerted to risky file changes?

Data Availability:

Data would come from our banking software.

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Develop Audit Steps & Tests:

Inventory of what we consider higher risk file changes and develop tests within automation software to pull data against those tests. Through automation, restrict access to tests steps.

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Define Alert Mechanism & Response Protocol:

Automated email of daily report to key stakeholders for their review.

Evaluate & Present Findings: Output analysis to PDF to decrease likelihood changes to test files.

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> QUESTIONS



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