

# Build an RPA Strategy for Your SSO Operations

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# Who's Who

Name | Company | Role

# Show of hands:

RPA: Exploring, Launching, Growing, Scaling?

How many bots in production?

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Have a CoE?



# INTRODUCTION

# Global Management Consulting & Advisory Services

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#### Who We Are

Founded 2006, headquartered in California, global offices, extensive work in Latin America



#### What We Do

Evaluations & assessments, strategic advice, project management, implementation support, process and market expertise



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#### Where We Focus

Finance, Human Resources, IT, Procurement, Facilities, Customer Operations & other functions

#### The Chazey Difference

Practioners first, staff continuity, high ROI, knowledge transfer, client engagement in transformation

#### Shared Services

From Business Case to Implementation, plus correction & optimisation of existing operations



#### Robotic Process Automation

Automation assessment, proof of concept, vendor selection & provider of RPA solutions



"Back office" transformation, M&A integration, organizational design



#### Enterprise Wide Security

Business Continuity Planning & Organizational Cybersecurity





#### **Core Transformation Discipline**

- Shared Services, Outsourcing & Technology Enablement
- Operational Efficiency
- Improved Quality of Service
- Improved Control & Compliance



## Enhanced by Robotic Process Automation

- Consult, train & integrate automation solutions
- Best placed to understand & meet clients' needs
- Understand strengths & weaknesses of vendors & tools
- Some Vendor Partnerships
- RPA tool agnostic



# Who We Have Worked With



# Agenda

# Build an RPA Strategy for Your SSO Operations

Identify and Assess Opportunities for Automation

Operating Model & Governance Structure

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Collaborating with Business Units & IT Deploy & Maintain Bots





# **Definitions and Current State**



How advanced are Latin American Shared Services in process automation (IA/RPA)?



# **Current State**

RPA Maturity By Location of SSC



Preferred strategies to drive performance and benefits from process automation





<b>1</b> Robotic Desktop Automation (RDA)	<ul> <li>Optimizes existing manual and fragmented processes for agents</li> <li>Reduction in low value add manual processing by workforce</li> </ul>	Key Concepts
<i>2</i> Robotic Process Automation (RPA)	<ul> <li>Removes need for agent input</li> <li>Drives significant increase in process speed and cost reduction</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b> Digitized RPA	<ul> <li>Self-serve via mobile, web, IVR, speech recognition</li> <li>Robots fulfil requests with no human intervention and update customers with progress slashing query volumes</li> </ul>	
4 Machine Learning	<ul> <li>Combination of robotics with analytics and decision engines</li> <li>Adds an element of judgement</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b> Artificial Intelligence (AI)	<ul> <li>Combination of robotics with analytics and artificial intelligence</li> <li>Cognitive robot using Machine Learning or statistical modelling to continuously optimise action</li> </ul>	
	Source: SSON - 0	Global Intelligent Automation Market Report, H1 2017



## ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION (RPA)

"Robotic Process Automation" or "RPA" means the application of technology that enables computer software to partially or fully automate human activities that are manual, repetitive and rules based. RPA gives a business the ability to map out a business process that is definable, repeatable and rules based, and assign a software "robot" to manage the execution of that process. RPA software operates at the "presentation layer" (the user interface) of computer systems and appears to the applications to be a human user.



# 2 ROBOTIC DESKTOP AUTOMATION

"Robotic Desktop Automation" or "RDA" generally refers to an automation running on the desktop and working with the operator automating fragments of transactions, whereas RPA or robotic process automation reflects a server-based, unattended process execution.



# **B** INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION

"Intelligent Automation" or "IA" is a holistic description of everything from desktop scripting to artificial intelligence, as applied to process execution, spanning from Robotic Desktop Automation, to Robotic Process Automation, through Cognitive, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and beyond.



# **4** DIGITALIZATION

"Digitalization" is the use of digital technologies to change a business model and provide new revenue and value-producing opportunities; it is the process of moving to become a digital enterprise.



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# "FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION"

"Fourth Industrial Revolution" is characterized by emerging technology breakthroughs in a number of fields, including robotics, artificial intelligence, blockchain, nanotechnology, quantum computing, biotechnology, the Internet of Things, 3D printing and autonomous vehicles.

The First Industrial Revolution used water and steam power to mechanize production. The Second used electric power to create mass production. The Third Industrial Revolution, or the "Digital Revolution" involved the advancement of technology from analog electronic and mechanical devices to the digital technology available today. Advancements during the Third Industrial Revolution include the personal computer, the internet and information and communications technology (ICT).

The current Fourth Industrial Revolution is characterized by a fusion of technologies that is blurring the lines between the physical, digital, and biological spheres.



# Benefits of Robotic Process Automation



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We are calling this the *robotic arbitrage* opportunity. The potentially significant efficiency and quality benefits that can be derived from appropriately implemented RPA is **disrupting delivery capability** and indeed entire industries.

Given the **significant potential benefits** from RPA adoption and implementation, but also the risks of doing this in an uncontrolled approach, we recommend that this be done in a **planned and thoughtful way**, consistent with and aligned with an overall automation and process optimization strategy. **Leveraging and building off existing process and technology platforms and infrastructure** wherever possible.

- Phil Searle, **CloReview** 









# Identify and assess opportunities for automation



# **RPA Potential in Shared Services**



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Processing supplier invoices through **SAP** required many manual interventions for reading, validating, registering and posting invoices. Volvo implemented RPA in one of the accounts payable (AP) teams, which processes approximately 2,000 supplier invoices every day.

The robot logs into the necessary systems, reads the invoice image, registers the invoice in SAP, performs all the necessary validation, including cross-checking against other systems, and decides whether to post, park or block the invoice.

Volvo managed to almost completely eliminate human intervention in the AP process. The time saved that was previously spent on manual work is in the range of 65%-75%.





2000 invoices every day

Positive impact on quality, in terms of reduced errors

activities



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# **Process Suitability**

For your initial steps, and for the POC or Pilot at least, select "**tasks**", which meet these simple criteria:





POCs & Pilots often fail because company's select big end-to-end processes, which were too complex and unstructured

# Example - Process Suitability

• **High-level process overview:** Help desk ticket generated defining a need for an escrow adjustment. Tenant record adjusted as per the instructions in a ticket. High volume of tickets daily that need to be addressed in a timely manner.

#### Automation Factors

- Clear Rules: 1
- Structured Data: 1
- Manual: 2
- Routine: 1
- Repetitive: 2
- Overall Diagnostic Score: 1.5
- **FTE Reallocation:** 0.20 FTE



 Process Improvement Recommendation: High volume of inputs with information and potential actions that are time-sensitive. Coordinate process execution with daily deliverables or agreements.



# High Automation Potential





# Medium Automation Potential



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# Low Automation Potential

#### **Manual PO Creation**

Cons:

- Process can begin with two inputs, country specific or a request from the SSO.
- Process owners may change based on category. Variation of parties involved in the process may require variations in processing steps. Potential for multiple variations of data moving across workstreams.
- There are 11 decision points in the process with multiple sub-processes referenced.





# **PTP** Potential Automation Metrics



# Potential In Scope Processes - PTP





# Identify and assess opportunities for automation

## **Exercise:**

 In your organization, have you begun to identify areas for Robotic Process Automation and if yes, in what area?





# Develop the operating model and governance structure

Educate, educate, educate



#### Office of CIO (Strategy)

Strategic, global services with clear linkage to vision, mission and strategic goals of organization
Long-term perspective whose activities have more distant relationship between effort and results
Confirm policy alignment & ratification

# **Dperating Model**

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Business Partners (Influence)	Centers of Expertise (Expertise)	Shared Services Center (Process)					
<ul> <li>Work with operational leaders to achieve organizational objectives</li> <li>Provide information, tools, analysis and insight to influence decision making</li> <li>Higher level of business proximity required (de-centralized delivery)</li> <li>Need functional expertise, analytical skills and strong interpersonal skills: "hire for skill and attitude"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Professional &amp; technical</li> <li>Deliver on organizational strategy through provision of tactical services</li> <li>Generally requires interaction with client, although less necessary to be physically situated close to business</li> <li>Policy research, development &amp; implementation</li> <li>Generic business &amp; functionally expert skills required: "Hire for skill, train for attitude"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transactional &amp; administrative</li> <li>Regular, repeatable, transactional activities</li> <li>Results more quantifiable</li> <li>Benefit greatly from standardization, automation and technology</li> <li>Clear linkage between effort and results (outputs generally experienced in short-term)</li> <li>Less necessary to be physically situated close to business</li> <li>Process focused, service-driven skills required" "Hire for attitude, train for skill"</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Provides inputs and/or receives outputs of in-scope processes</li> <li>Representative of internal client signs off processes, service levels, input requirements, key performance indicators, and client's roles and responsibilities as documented in Service Partnership Agreements</li> </ul>							
Client Interaction Framework							
Account Management Client Contact Management Agreem	ice rship Client Continuous Process nents Feedback Improvement Control	Performance Performance Recharging Measurement Reporting Methodolog					

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#### Center of Excellence (CoE) landscape



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# Key Elements of an RPA Center of Excellence (CoE) Governance

Strategy & Governance	Process Life Cycle	Value Measurement	Alignment & Change	Technology	Enterprise Integration		
Program strategy	Process identification	Program progress	Skills development	Vendor management	Business process mgmt.		
standards	Process	measurement	Stakeholder	Architecture	Transformation		
Roles, responsibilities and	Automated	performance	Organization	infrastructure	Risk and		
structure Risk management	process optimization	Benefits	change mgmt.	Innovation and test lab	controls		
Methodology and	Development	measurement and reporting	Communication	Expert network	IT processes		
design authority Robotics asset	deployment			Knowledge management			
management	Ongoing operations				Source:		

# Benefits

# Key CoE Role: Continue to Educate

What are the benefits of intelligent automation (IA)?









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# Center ≠ Centralized







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## **One RPA CoE serving all Business Units**

#### **Advantages:**

- Unified and centralized RPA support for all Business Units
- Higher expertise, lessons learnt and best practice for automation easier to disseminate within the center
- Standardized RPA deployment, support and implementation methodology

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Potential prioritization challenges of automation projects due to high number of business units served
- Relies on distant communication



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#### Several RPA CoEs serving several business units, linked to several smaller RPA CoE dedicated to individual business units

#### Advantages:

- High complexity projects delivered out of main RPA CoE, smaller RPA CoEs handle low-medium complexity automation projects
- Decreased risk of prioritization challenges due to existence of smaller dedicated RPA CoEs
- Higher process knowledge specific to business units concentrated in the smaller RPA CoEs

#### **Disadvantages:**

- Lessons learnt and best practice for automation at risk (expect discrepancy in know how between main RPA CoE and smaller RPA CoEs)
- Potential incoherence in the approach for RPA deployment, support and implementation methodology



Business

Unit

COE

**Business** 

Unit

# Independent RPA CoEs within each business unit

#### Advantages:

•Each business unit is fully in control of the automation projects and their prioritization

•All RPA CoEs will benefit from strong process knowledge as close to (within) each business unit.

#### **Disadvantages:**

•Lessons learnt and best practice for automation at high risk – need to enforce a strong, regular exchange of best practices between RPA CoEs from different business units.

•High risk of incoherence in the approach for RPA deployment, support and implementation methodology

•Incoherent technical solutions may be applied – risk of always "reinventing the wheel"

•Certain RPA roles will be duplicated and not fully utilized: e.g. the RPA Support team in certain RPA CoEs may have less work than others, same for RPA Solution Architects, etc.





Develop the operating model and governance structure

## **Exercise:**

 In your organization, which CoE model makes the most sense, and why?





# Collaborate with appropriate partners including business units and IT





#### Center of Excellence functions facilitate benefits across business units



Solution Development

ppment Stakeholder Enablement

Skills Development

Project Delivery Enablement Vendor Relationship Management





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# Common Causes of RPA Failures and Mitigation

#### 1. Targeting RPA at the wrong processes

• Highly complex processes are appealing but that is the wrong approach. Even if these are more painful for human employees, their complexity may delay the big cost-savings that result from low hanging fruit.

#### 2. Insufficient skills

• The skills needed to create a proof of concept are not the same skills needed to establish production automations. Driving scalable and resilient automated processes is significantly more complex than building a simple process fix. Investing in classroom training is key.

#### 3. Treating robotic automation as an IT-led rather than business-led project

 Robotic automation is about leveraging a virtual workforce. And just as IT would not manage your human workforce, it should not manage a virtual one, at least not alone. The business needs to own and lead this implementation with a clear view of desired objectives. IT has a crucial role, however, in delivering infrastructure and software support, as well as governance and managing change.

#### - 4. Lack of an RPA business case and failure to plan ahead of time

Proof of concepts or pilots prove that robotics delivers, but don't necessarily prove a successful large-scale implementation. A smart approach is to
manage scale and start with Shared Services based opportunities alongside a proof of concept.



#### - 5. Not considering what happens once processes are automated

• Who will run the workforce, and what happens when you go live? A well-planned skills building initiative will help.

# Common Causes of RPA Failures and Mitigation

#### 6. Automating too much of a process or not optimising for RPA

• The target is not necessarily to eliminate human input but to change existing processes to allow RPA to work as effectively as possible. A good benchmark is to automate 70% of low value activity leaving 30% high-value work to humans.

7. Treating robotics as a series of automations as opposed to an end-to-end transformation

• Automation should be a continuous practice, and measuring benefits along the way is key.

#### - 8. Applying traditional delivery methodologies

 Robotics differs from traditional technologies and rarely changes existing systems, so over-engineered delivery methods are not necessary. Agility and speed are what count.

#### 9. Overlooking IT infrastructure

Most robotics tools operate on virtualized desktops that require scaling and business continuity plans. However, IT does not always have the time to
create a production infrastructure.

#### - 10. RPA alone is not enough

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 Automating numerous sub-processes still requires some human intervention. Extending robotics into digital self-service, for example, reaps far greater returns.

# Recommendations

- **Engagement**, **communication** and **support** is essential to mitigate all risks
- Designate business operations as **owners** of RPA
- Avoid an over-focus on technical efficiency & outcomes and under-resourcing of process issues
- Ensure people are trained and motivated to be fully committed and competent to configure, deploy and gain benefits from RPA
- Build RPA experience over time and feed into the continuous improvement processes
- **Align** RPA strategy with the wider strategic objectives of the organization
- Aim for the 'Triple Win' (shareholders, customers, employees)





Collaborate with appropriate partners including business units and IT

# **Exercise:**

- How have you involved the business in your RPA program?
- How have you involved IT in your RPA program?





# **Deploy and maintain 'bots'**



# Implementation Methodology for Robots





- Documentation process includes a video interview with the process SME to capture process flow step-by-step
- Videos are reviewed by Chazey and developed into a Process Definition Document (PDD)
- All PDD's include documented process flow for the current state and future state of a process
- PDD's are then handed off to the RPA development team to begin the development process



#### 2.3 As IS Detailed Process map

This chapter depicts the AS IS business process in detail to enable the developer to build the automated process.

#### Phillips Edison – Blackline Account Grouping



Step	Short Description of Key Process Steps
1	Accounting Specialist receives an email requesting a grouping of Blackline accounts including
	the entity #, account #s to be grouped, and date (month).
2	Launch and login to Blackline website
3	Select 'Products' tab, 'Accounts' link, and 'Add New Group Account' link
4	Using the information from the body of the email, input entity # and select option that appears.
5	Rename Group Name "GRP – lowest account # provided" (i.e. GRP – 1700)
6	Input Description based on a list within MRI
7	Input Certification Threshold Amount of 5.00 and check 'Key' checkbox
8	Select Preparer & Frequency and Approver & Frequency based on a list within MRI
9	Click Save

- As-Is process documentation includes a level 3 process overview
- Process maps are developed from video interviews with process SMEs



- To-Be process documentation begins with a level 3 process overview
- Chazey reviews processes and will suggest design changes to accommodate RPA where needed
- First example: Blackline Account Grouping.
  - Process will require a standardized input template with pre-defined fields and values. This input template will be utilized as a request form and the initial point of entry for data into Blackline.
- Process changes identified in the To-Be process design will require a method for communicating and developing needed changes.

#### 3.1 TO BE Detailed Process Map

#### Blackline Account Grouping – To Be Process



Step	Short Description of Key Process Steps
1	Job Cost Accountant sends an email utilizing a standardized form requesting a grouping of
	Blackline accounts including the entity #, account #s to be grouped, and date (month).
2	Launch and login to Blackline website
3	Select 'Products' tab, 'Accounts' link, and 'Add New Group Account' link
4	Using the information from the form, input entity # and select option that appears.
5	Rename Group Name "GRP – lowest account # provided" (i.e. GRP – 1700)
6	Input Description of account matching the description in MRI
7	Input Certification Threshold Amount of 5.00 and check 'Key' checkbox
8	Select Preparer & Frequency and Approver & Frequency based on a list within MRI
9	Click Save



## **Blackline Account Grouping**

Res	ponsibility:		# Tested		1			
Date	): 		Team Members:		I			
	Steps/Procedures (including data values if necessary)	Screen Displays		Expected Results				
1	Receives email containing Entity # and Account #s to group. The entity number is listed first, followed by the account #s. The date/month is needed as well.	Annual March March March March       Annual March March March       Annual March March March       Annual March March March       Annual March       Annual March March <th></th> <th>Annual and a second sec</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>		Annual and a second sec				
2	Navigate to Blackline and select Products tab. Click Account Groups link.	Annual Support Control	Create  report r		Image: Section of the sectio	Image: Section of the sectio	<ul> <li>Roman Adam</li> <li>Roman Materia</li> <li>Second Materia</li></ul>	Comment Comme



# Sample Roles, CoE

## **Building a Robotic Operating Team**



#### **RPA Sponsor**

Initiates the idea of automation, underwrites resources and protects progress into business adoption



- · Imprints the RPA vision and mission within the organization
- · Acts as an internal Evangelist for RPA
- · In charge of ensuring a healthy automation pipeline
- Head of the operational management of the virtual workforce

#### **RPA Change Manager**

 In charge of creating a change and communication plan which is aligned to the project deliverables, in order to ease the RPA adoption within the company.

# **RPA Infrastructure Engineer**

• In charge or Server installations and troubleshooting

# **RPA Solution Architect**

· In charge of defining the Architecture of the RPA solution. Guardian of the end to end performance of the solution adreed.

## **RPA** Developer

· In charge of designing, developing, testing the automation artifacts



#### **RPA Business Analyst**

- Process Subject Matter experts located in Business Operations.
- In charge of creating the process definitions and process maps used for automation

#### **RPA Supervisor**

- Administers, orchestrates and controls the virtual workforce in operational environment
- · Focused on continuously improving the robots operational performance

#### **RPA Service Support**

· First line support for the RPA solution deployed.

The Robotic Operating Team or Centre of RPA Excellence is fundamentally a cross functional team with the clear objective of deploying the RPA automation on a global basis as guickly, as efficiently and as safely as possible.

**RPA** Operations

**RPA** Transitions Team



# Sample Position Description

# •••• RPA Supervisor - Operations o

#### Role definition:

Part of future RPA Operations team.

Administers, orchestrates and controls the virtual workforce in operational environment

Focused on continuously improving the robots' operational performance using the tools and technologies in place and improving these.

Uses advanced reporting and analysis functions based on detailed logging system to optimize resource use and stability of robots and artifacts in place.

#### **Deliverables:**

Reporting of optimally running artifacts on well-utilized RPA resources

#### Skill-set requirements

Strong process and technology knowledge.

Medium to advanced experience in supervising teams, monitoring, reporting and auditing. Medium understanding of RPA software functionality at desktop level.

Strong understanding of monitoring and auditing functions of the RPA software used. Previous experience working with RPA tools is a plus.

Medium to advanced experience in supervising teams, monitoring, reporting and auditing. Basic understanding of RPA software functionality at desktop level.

Strong understanding of monitoring and auditing functions of the RPA software used.





# Talent Challenges

#### Top challenges in managing talent



#### Skills gaps in Latin America Shared Services





If you are building your own Intelligent Automation capability, where are you sourcing the talent?



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# Sourcing Talent

"We look for attitude and aptitude"

Whereas many vendors advertise "no technical knowledge needed", it speeds both training and impact

Digital Natives and Millennials are well suited for these roles

# Internal vs. External



- Reliance on third party to deliver solution
- Building internal capabilities by leveraging third party training and skill transfer
- Recruiting team members (internal or externally) to develop the capability

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We are not currently building an IA/ RPA capability

# **Building Automation Capabilities**





# Deploy and maintain 'bots'

## **Exercise:**

 Have you begun to staff an RPA CoE and if so, how?









# 6 STEPS TO LAUNCH a COMPANY's RPA JOURNEY



We advise following a clear, simple, structured framework as the building blocks for a successful RPA journey with tangible benefits and well defined expectations

# Automation Roadmap









## **Recent Success**

Chazey is currently engaged to help launch and grow the RPA program at Phillips Edison, initially focused on key areas of accounting to include billing, accounts receivables, collections, lease maintenance and monthly accounting entries.

Our work includes process assessments, process improvements, building robots, updating policies and procedures for a hybrid workforce, elaborating the suggested robotics operations model and building a business case for RPA growth.

Also includes knowledge transfer of process, methodology and technical approach for developing additional robots as their program scales to enterprise level.







# Leverage Our Experience for Your Success THANK YOU







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