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INFOTEAM

# How RPA can unlock value for your Infor M3





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## Agenda

Defining RPA and IA

**Customer Pain Points** 

Case study - Transforming the finance function for an F&B customer

Impact we've made (use cases)

Business benefits of RPA

Q&A



## What is Robotic Process Automation (RPA)?

RPA is the process of partially or fully automating human activities that are:









Repetitive



**Time Consuming** 



The global RPA market size is steadily growing, already reaching \$1.89 billion in 2021 and expected to rise to \$13.74 billion by 2028.



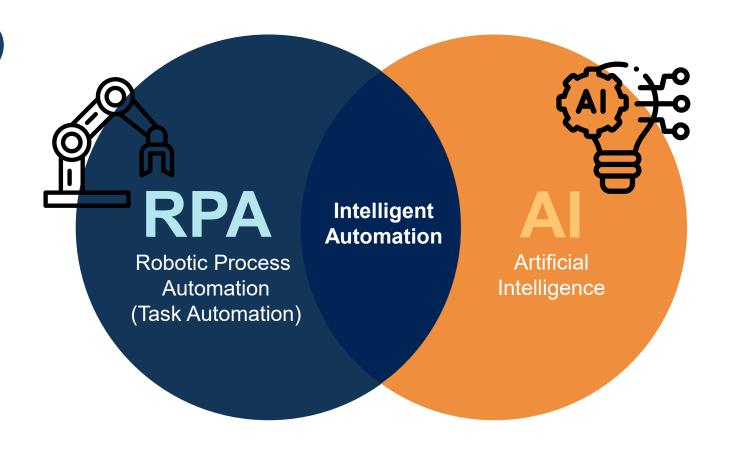
**Gartner: Grand View Research** 

## What is Intelligent Automation?

## **Intelligent Automation (IA)**

is a combination of robotic process **automation** (RPA) and artificial **intelligence** (AI).

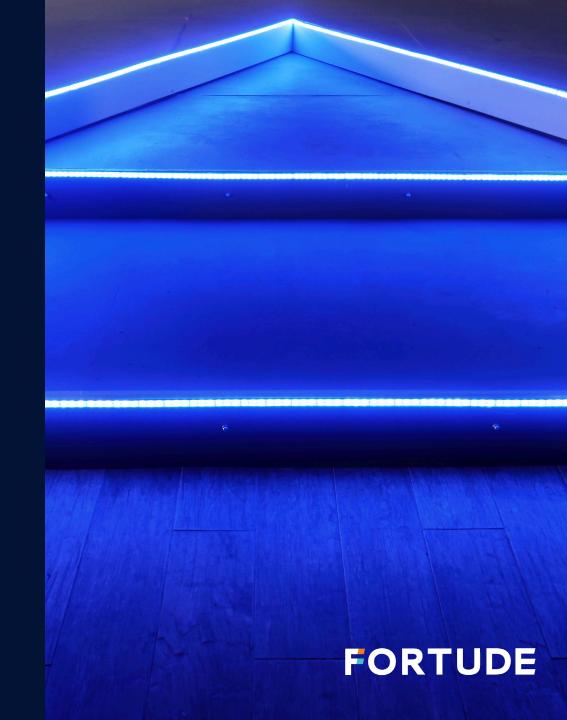
The two technologies together empower rapid end-to-end business process **automation**, accelerate digital transformation and enhance your robots with AI skills.





## **Customer Pain Points**

- Use multiple applications for the same operation, that aren't integrated
- 2 Have full time employees to extract data from disparate systems
- 3 Manually compile and distribute reports
- Have dedicated staff to cleanse the data that needs to be uploaded to your ERP
- Have knowledge workers who spend a significant amount of their time on mundane and repetitive tasks
- Have a response time of more than a day for customers, vendors or other key stakeholder queries



## How Fortude leveraged RPA to transform the finance function for a leading Australian F&B manufacturer on Infor M3



## The impact we've created

Over \$335,000 USD savings per year for the client on all automated processes

End-to-end Finance Transformation Accounts Receivable

Accounts Payable

**70%** 

**65%** 

5 processes

automated

automated

4 processes

Costing

**GL** and Reporting

**Fixed Assets** 

**75%** 

automated

2 processes

60%

automated

3 processes

100%

automated

3 processes



#### **Further outcomes**

- Providing an overall cycle time reduction of 90% for all Finance related processes
- Ensuring an accuracy rate of 99%
- Enabling clients to extend operating hours to 24\*7
- Freeing up business users from repetitive work
- Boosting customer experience



## M3 Specific RPA Use Cases



## M3 – RPA Candidate Areas

**PO Creation PO Creation MO** Creation Distribution Bank Claim and Processing and Confirm and FG (GRN) and Reconciliations Orders Reconciliation Purchase Order Reporting Inspection **User Account** Invoice Accounts Creating a Password **Purchase Order** Inventory Payable Set Off Sales Order Reconciliations Reset, Lock, Claims Processing Unlock Accounts Receivable



## **Use Case Details**



- Payment reminders
- Amendments and corrections on payments
- Provisioning
- Accounting for bad debt
- Inventory Reconciliations
- Claim Reconciliations
- Invoice Processing
- Collection
- Reporting
- Invoice generation
- Reverting to suppliers for invoice variances
- Inserting PO details to system
- Handling manual account payables for invoices (Ex: Electricity)
- Payment approvals
- Payments and fund transfers
- Supplier advance payments
- Inventory Reconciliations
- 3-Way Matching
- Payment
- Reporting



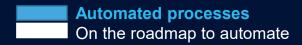
## Costing (Financial Controlling)



GL and Reporting



Fixed Assets



- Inventory
   Reconciliations
- Follow-up of costing variances
- Reporting
- Maintain charter of accounts
- Maintain new cost and profit centers
- Foreign currency balances
- Manual allocations
- Accrual process
- Prepayments
- Bank Reconciliation
- Inventory Reconciliations
- Reporting
- Creating, managing and depreciating assets
- Inventory Reconciliations
- Reporting



**Accounts** 

Receivable

Accounts Payable

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Deep dive into a few use cases!



## **Trade Spend process**

The UiPath-based RPA solution implemented by Fortude increased the efficiency and accuracy of the Trade Spend process for a leading Australian food & beverage manufacturer.





- Accurately identifying the claims to be processed without manual intervention.
- Fetching Claim Files by logging into different customer portals.
- Extracting claim details from various PDF Claim Files with precision and accuracy.
- Matching claim details with multiple reports and files to calculate processing amounts.
- Identifying business and system exceptions with proper error handling mechanism.
- Processing Claims in ERP Infor M3 system and generating extensive summary reports for decision-making.
- Reducing the manual processing time of 150+ man-days per annum to zero.

Man-Days
Saved
Per Annum

Accuracy 99%

Operational hours 24\*7

Customer Delight -Eliminate daily processing hassle & improved accuracy



## **Inventory Reconciliation**

The UiPath-based RPA solution implemented by Fortude increased the efficiency of the inventory reconciliation process for a leading Australian food & beverage manufacturer.





- Reduced reconciliation processing time from 3-4 hours to 10-20 minutes.
- Enabled any user to perform reconciliation tasks, without relying on experts.
- Allowed the finance department to schedule and execute reconciliation tasks daily.
- Eliminated the burden on the month-end process by early and frequent identification of inventory value discrepancies.
- Reconciliation reports were shared with a set of recipients daily via email.
- Once the inventory value discrepancies were corrected, a new reconciliation process for the current date was run using the UiPath Orchestrator.
- The customer was able to upgrade M3 without disrupting business operations.

Cycle Time Reduced 90%

Accuracy 99%

Operational hours 24\*7

Customer Delight -Reduced Month end hassle



## **Process Heatmap: Finance Source to Pay**

Manage procure activities	ement	Purchase good & services	Receive goods & services	Process invoices	Process payment	Generate reports
Measure perforr	nance	Create and submit requestions	Process receipts	Manage invoice collection & entry	Run payment process	Generate standards reports
Manage vendor	naster	Create purchase orders	Receive goods & services	Manage electronic invoicing	Complete initial payment review	Distribute and manage reports
Measure perforr	nance	Submit purchase orders to vendors	Manage discrepancies and returns	Validate and handle invoice data	Handle payment reconciliations	Measure performance
Measure perforr	nance	Manage requisition • approvals	Manage inventory	Submit transactions for processing	Measure performance	Measure performance
		Manage purchase order approvals		Manage matching • discrepancies		







## **Process Heatmap: Finance Order to Cash**

Customer onboarding	Assess and manage credit	Manage quote to order	Process and fulfill order	Invoice customer	Process A/R & collections	Manage cash
Create & update product master	Establish credit and risk strategy, process & Policies	Identify, manage and qualify leads	Process order	Generate invoices	Manage cash eapplications	Prepare and review daily cash
Set up customer in system(s)	Develop and manage reports	Create & manage customer orders	Manage shipping 6 & inventory	Manage billing	Conduct aging &  bad debt analysis	Perform balance reporting
Manage customer data	Conduct new customer credit assessment	Create initial sales quote	Process returns & exchange	Post receivables to General Ledger	Create and manage reports	Collect bank reconciliations
Create and manage reports	Perform cred checks	Create and — manage reports	Create and manage reports	Create and emanage reports	Manage customer collections	Create and manage reports
Review and accept customer applications		Prioritize opportunities	Manage rebates • and chargebacks	Create invoicing process & policies	Develop A/R & collections, strategy, process & policies	Monitor banking performance
Manage terms & conditions		Approve pricing, discounts & promotions	Create order management, strategy, process & policy		Issues statement	Develop cash management strategy, process &
Negotiate pricing, terms & conditions		Negotiate and finalize sale	Manage orders			policies
Manage customer						







contracts



### **Business benefits of RPA**



#### **Higher accuracy**

57% say RPA reduce manual errors.



#### Happier employees

57% of executives say RPA increases employee engagement.



#### **Increase throughput**

Robots are faster than humans and can work 24/7.



#### Easily scalable

As your organisation grows, you can scale up the power of robotic automation to match your changing needs.



#### Major cost savings

Companies across industries and around the world report that RPA drives rapid, significant improvement of business metrics.



#### **Boosted productivity**

68% of global workers believe automation will make them more productive.



#### **Greater resilience**

RPA robots can ramp up quickly to match workload peaks and respond to big demand spikes.



#### More value from personnel

60% of executives agree RPA enables people to focus on more strategic work.

UiPath 2005-2021, Robotic Process Automation(RPA), viewed 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, <a href="https://www.uipath.com/rpa/robotic-process-automation">https://www.uipath.com/rpa/robotic-process-automation</a>



## How to start your RPA Journey?

#### **Step 01**:

Candidate Identification Process >> Automation Eligibility

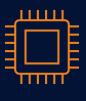
Data in digital format

**2** Error Prone

3 Rule-based

High volume/ frequency

5 Mature/ Stable



**RPA** 

#### **Step 02**:

Provide Recommendations >>

**Discovery Deliverables** 



**RPA Candidate List** 



ROI - Calculation



Define RPA Roadmap (Prioritise activities and develop delivery plan)



Recommend tech stack



## **Fortude Automation Framework**

Go-live Discover **Automate** Rollout of Use Case Develop Analysis of the AS-IS Processes Feasibility Check Training and KT Test **Identify Automation Candidates** Hyper Care: 4 Weeks Deployment Environment – Optimisation Optimize the selected opportunities **AMC/Handover to Customer Support UAT/ Enhancement & Bug Fixes ROI** Analysis **Development Specification Document** Automation "Go or No-Go" Decision **Solution Design Document** Key Deliverables /Deployment Guide/ Solution Design Candidates for Automation Monthly Reporting/ Automation Success **RPA User Guide** Process Definition Diagram (PDD) Report Source Test Cases/Test Results Calculated ROI Project Proposal/ Work Order Sign-off From Process Owner Sign-off From Process Owner **Documentation Sign-off Project Plan and Timelines Documentation Sign-off** Support & Maintenance Plan PDD - Sign-off Go-live Plan Project Closure Sign-off Environment Access (DEV, UAT, Prod)



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