



# Being a CPA in the data age

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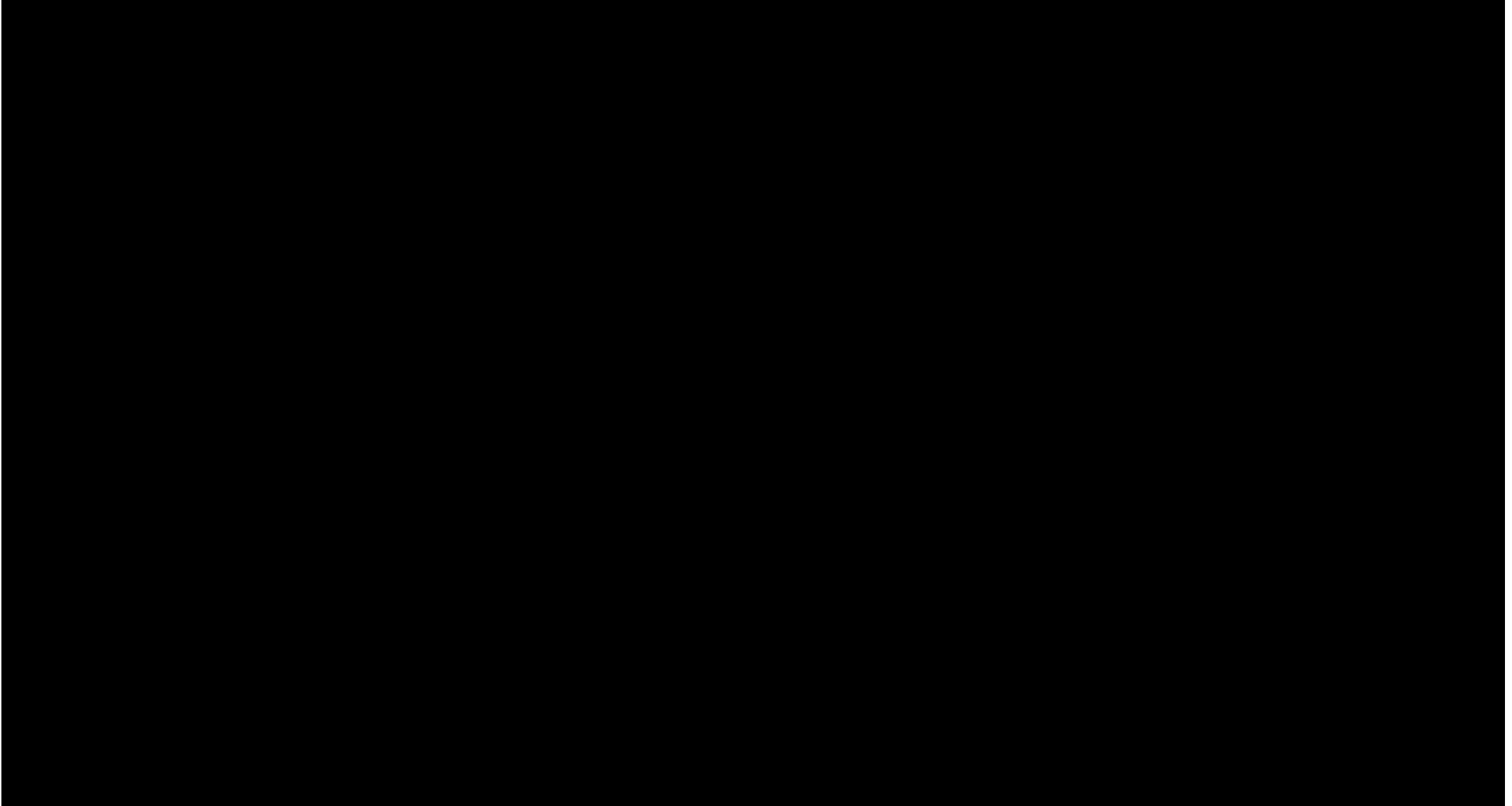
# Agenda

- Digitization of Accounting
- Digital Transformation Examples
- Personnel, Skillsets, and Capabilities
- Implementing Digital Transformation
- Questions

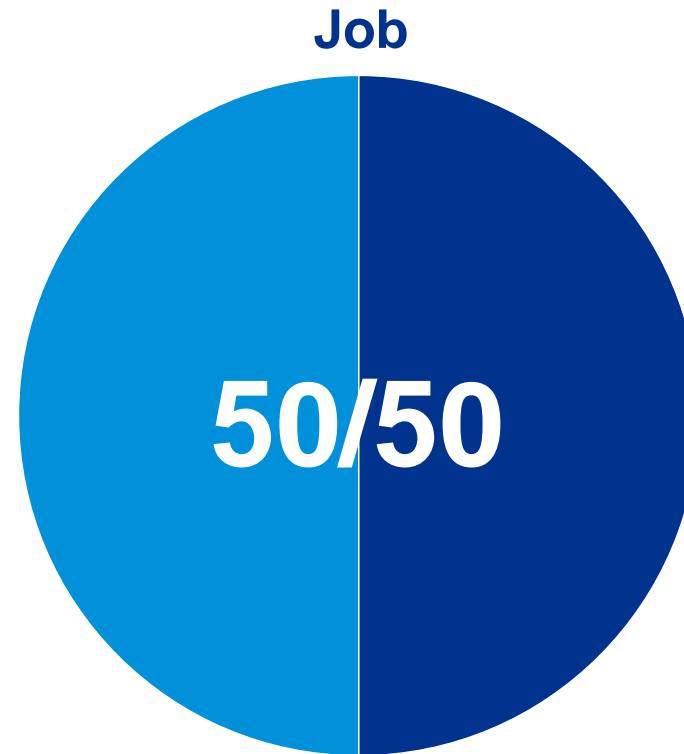


# Digitization of accounting

# Explosion of Data



# Risk of U.S. jobs being computerized in next two decades

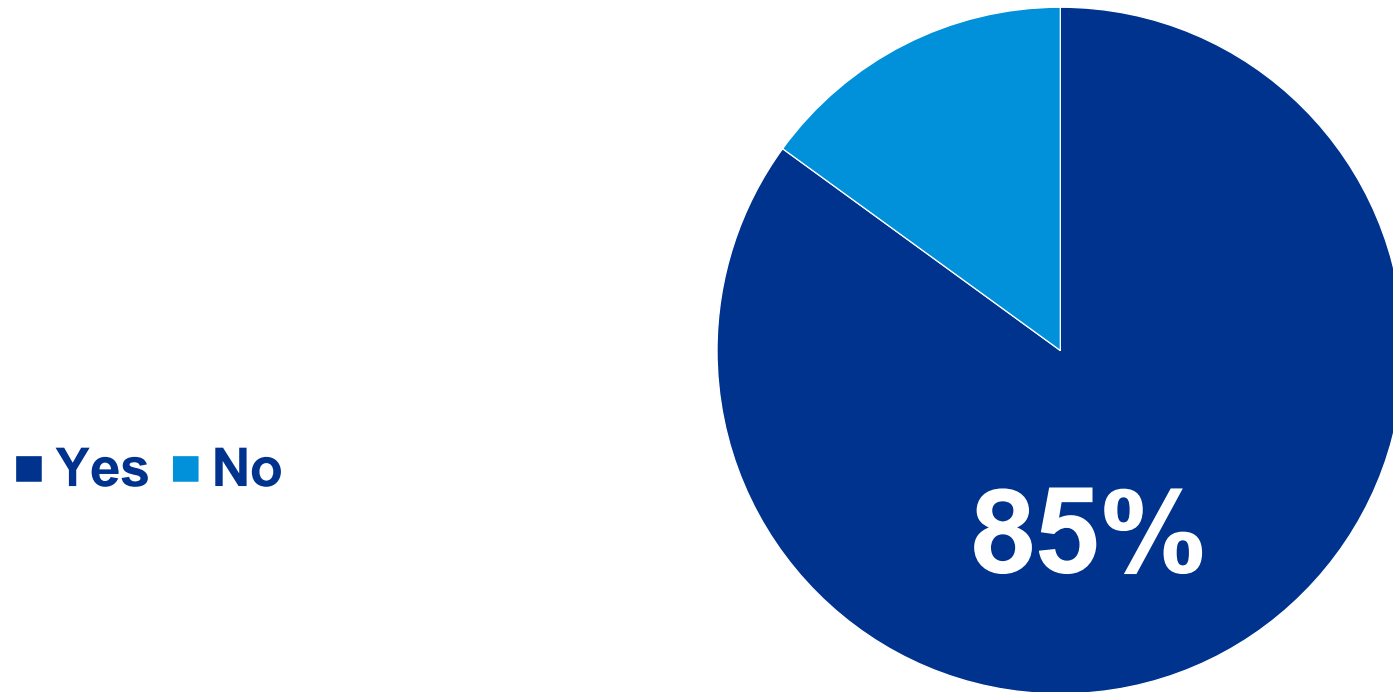


■ Yes ■ No

“The Future of Employment: How Susceptible are Jobs to Computerization”

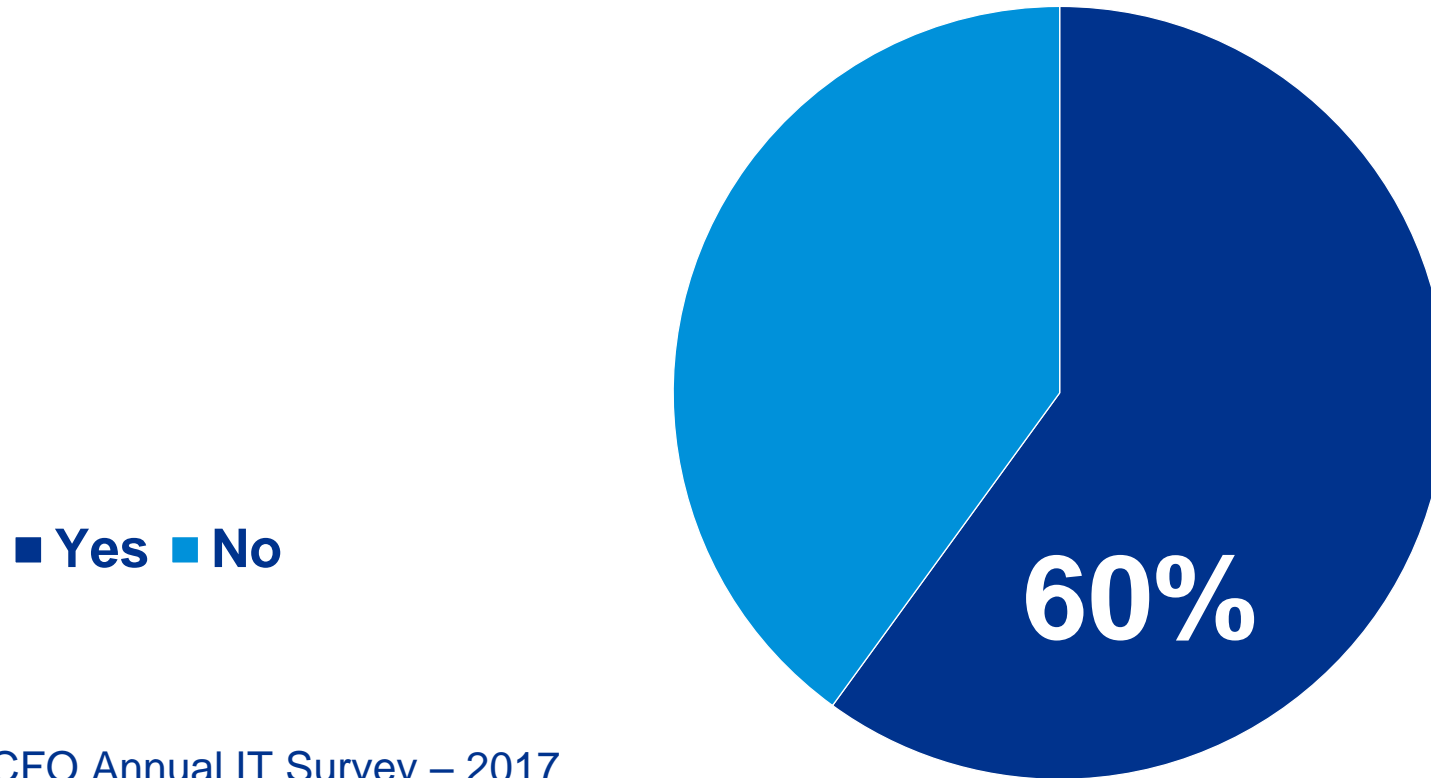
C Frey and M. Osborne (2013)

# CEOs say applying financial data to achieve profitable growth is the greatest strategic value of a CFO



Forbes Insights and KPMG International  
CEO November 2015 Survey

# CFO's plan to improve the analytical skill set of their existing finance team in the coming year



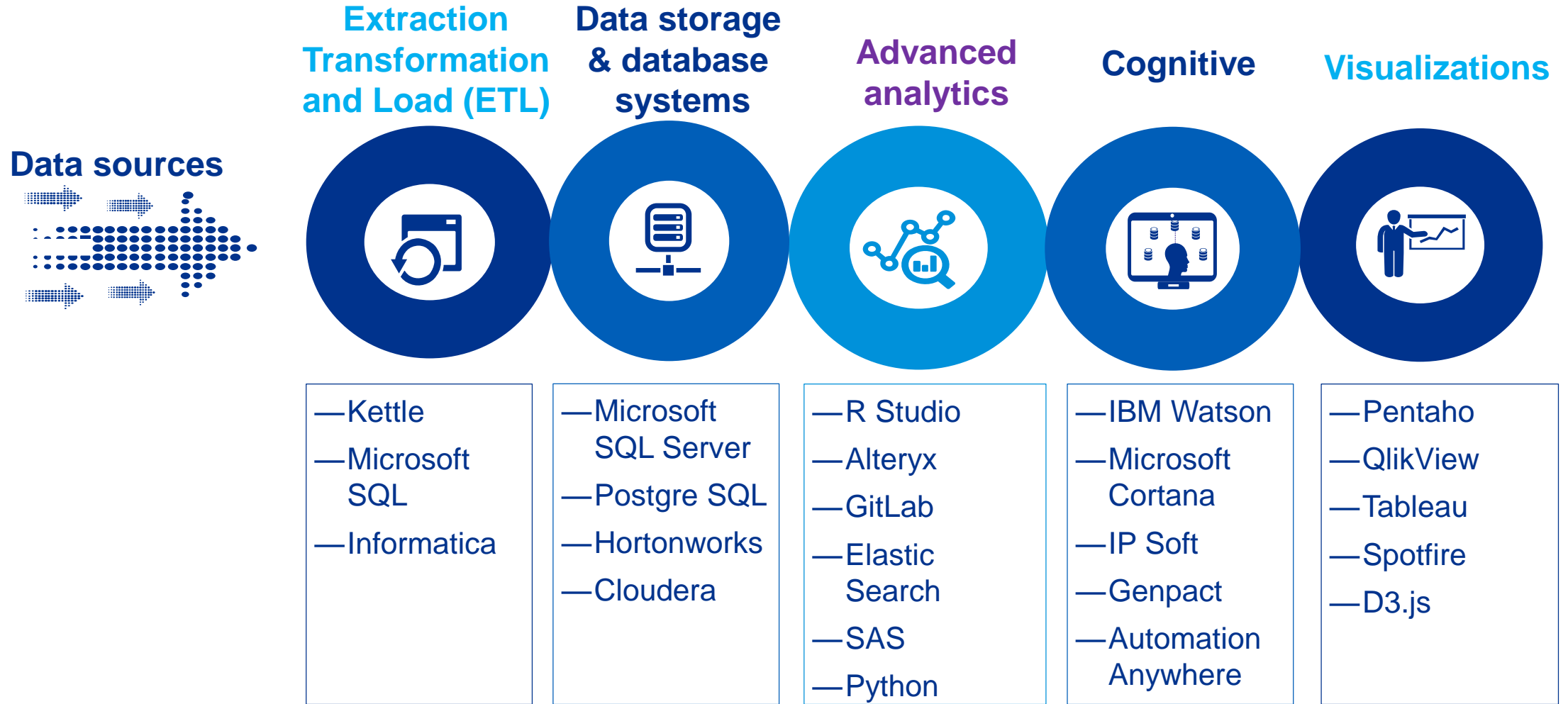
CFO Annual IT Survey – 2017  
*“Data and Analytics: The  
CFO’s Evolving Role*



# Digital transformation examples



# Examples of available technologies



# Example areas for digital transformation



## Investor relations

Leverage analytics to help explain to analysts the underlying drivers of past business performance, e.g., impact of weather on sales.



## Financial planning

Develop predictive models using internal and external data to create more accurate forecasts, and planning models.



## Customer knowledge

Identify consumer tastes and trends by monitoring data and social media activity and build into your product development and revenue plans.



## Compliance

Use data to better monitor for changes that will impact the company's compliance obligations and related business processes.

# Journal entry analysis

## Great entry point into using data & analysis

- Most financial personnel are familiar with the GL system
- Extracting data from the GL system is a common occurrence
- Entire population subject to analysis
- “Jumping” from GL entries to actionable insights via D&A feels like a small step

## Actionable insights include

- Cross-entity comparisons
- Volume of automation vs. manual intervention
- Compliance with policies/controls
- Assessment of non-typical journal entries
- Global reach



# Journal entries analysis

Generate highly customizable analyses for identification of inappropriate journal entries.

- Journal entries recorded on weekends, holidays, or unusual times outside of business hours that may indicate fraudulent activity
- All journal entries recorded by a preparer or approver, can be analyzed

		Filter weekend	Values		
		Saturday		Sunday	
Automated or manual entry	User name	Document number – distinct count	Amount in document currency – sum	Document number – distinct count	Amount in document currency – sum
<b>Automated</b>		69,791	2,083,786	5,744	1,042,157
<b>Manual</b>	EC241F8E-315	53	1,907,300		
	0954B949-649	5	15,608	2	3,070
	E8DEE2FC-1AF			1	740
	EC241F8E-315	32	3,558,601	316	673,069
<b>Manual Total</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>5,481,509</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>676,879</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>69,881</b>	<b>7,565,295</b>	<b>6,063</b>	<b>1,719,036</b>

Account number	Account category	Dr amount	Cr amount	Local currency	User name	Posting date	Entry date	Auto or manual?
A6B98EB7-D	Trade receivables third party	1,097,300	-	USD	EC241F8E-315	2013-09-30	2013-10-05	Manual
99AC9424-6	Non current assets	-	1,097,300	USD	EC241F8E-315	2013-09-30	2013-10-05	Manual
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A1A21AX7-B	Cash	-	1,097,300	USD	EC241F8E-315	2013-09-30	2013-10-05	Manual

## Benefits to the company

- Assess manual vs. automated entries for automation and standardization
- Leverage investment in ERP/integrated accounting systems
- Support control effectiveness
- Identify problems while small
- Full population/real time



# Revenue 3 way match



Evaluates 100% of sales activities for each period by matching transactions in revenue to relevant information per the customer purchase order, shipping document, and sales invoice



A three-way match for goods based on key information: quantity per the customer purchase order is agreed to the shipping document and sales invoice and pricing per the customer purchase order is agreed to the sales invoice

# Revenue 3 way match – Results

124 transactions for a total of \$17,613,913 were identified with price differences

94.5% of transactions analyzed contained no price differences

\$922,422 total “extended” difference or 0.3% of total amount tested

Price difference analysis						
Price risk category	Revenues subject to 3 way match	# of transactions	% (amount)	% (number)	Extended difference	
No difference	303,232,241	1640	94.5%	92.9%	0	
PO > invoice price	14,438,076	73	4.5%	4.2%	823,682	
PO < invoice price	3,175,837	51	1.0%	2.9%	98,740	
<b>Total</b>	<b>320,846,154</b>	<b>1764</b>	<b>100.%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>922,422</b>	

# Revenue 3 way match – Results

489 transactions for a total of \$89,942,047 were identified with quantity differences

72% of transactions analyzed contained no quantity differences

\$19,543,001 total “extended” difference or 6.1% of total amount tested

Quantity difference analysis						
Quantity risk category	Revenues subject to 3 way match	# of transactions	% (amount)	% (number)	Extended difference	
No difference	230,904,107	1,275	72.0%	72.3%	0	
PO < Invoice quantity	0	0	0%	0%	0	
PO > Invoice quantity	89,942,047	489	28.0%	27.7%	19,543,001	
<b>Total</b>	<b>320,846,154</b>	<b>1764</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19,543,001</b>	

# Conflicting authorization in purchasing transactions

Potential risk where 7 users posted \$10 million in transactions with conflicting authorizations: goods/service receipt entry, A/P invoice entry, and payment approval

MeasuresSC32  AmountOfTransactions  
GroupingSC3  Individual Scenario  
AccountStatus  ActiveUsers

Start Date: 01/05/2013    End Date: 11/30/2013    Extraction Date: 01/10/2014

Select Business Unit:  4000    Select Currency:  USD    Intercompany:  Only IC,  Only non-IC

Select Analysis Period: Start Date: 01/05/2013    End Date: 11/30/2013

Available Dimensions:  User,  User's Department,  Product,  Revenue Posting,  Customer

**Testing Result Overview** Show/Hide Transactions Details XL

Scenario	Vendor master maintenance	PO created	Goods / service receipt entry	A/P invoice entry	A/P invoice approval	Payment approval	Number of Did Do Users	Number of Did Do Transactions	Amount of Did Do Transactions
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	3	260
2		X	X		X	X	6	143	12,507,284
3	X	X	X	X			3	6	401,767
4	X				X	X	5	4,265	7,164,445
5				X		X	7	1,764	10,051,738
6					X	X	6	165	16,846,344
7	X						5	288	31,170,840
8		X	X		X		12	5,323	440,486,841

After investigating the underlying transactions and discussing with the client, we may conclude there is little or no risk here.

Scenario	User Name	Employee Name	Department	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Purchase Doc Number	Doc Number	Invoice Number	Invoice Value
5	SCHULZET	Thomas Schulze	IDES	1101	ABC Dienstleistungs GmbH	4500017204000	5000012071	5105608752	6483.15
5	SCHULZET	Thomas Schulze	IDES	1101	ABC Dienstleistungs GmbH	4500017237000	5000012121	5105608772	6483.15
5	SCHULZET	Thomas Schulze	IDES	1101	ABC Dienstleistungs GmbH		12001	5105608733	16034.1
5	SCHULZET	Thomas Schulze	IDES	1101	ABC Dienstleistungs GmbH		12012	5105608744	6681.55

The business may wish to streamline authorizations and eliminate a potential control deficiency related to the number of individuals with conflicting duties.



# Managing claims

## Carrier A approach

- Used data to analyze specific claims metrics to identify patterns around policies underwritten by independent agents.
- Used the metrics to rate the agents and created a plan to focus on monitoring and mentoring the agents that are performing poorly

## Carrier B approach

- Terminated their independent agents that underwrote the policies which resulted in significant claims

## The challenge:

Two insurance carriers identified that a significant number of claims result from the policies underwritten by their independent agents. How do they identify the culprits and reduce the amount of claims?

## Carrier A outcome

- Number of claims was reduced
- Revenue decreased slightly due to higher scrutiny of specific metrics
- Most independent agents improved while others left voluntarily

## Carrier B outcome

- Number of claims was reduced
- Revenue decreased significantly
- Company liquidated

# Impact of weather patterns

## The challenge

— Model the impact of discrete weather behavior at individual locations on weekly store sales performance.

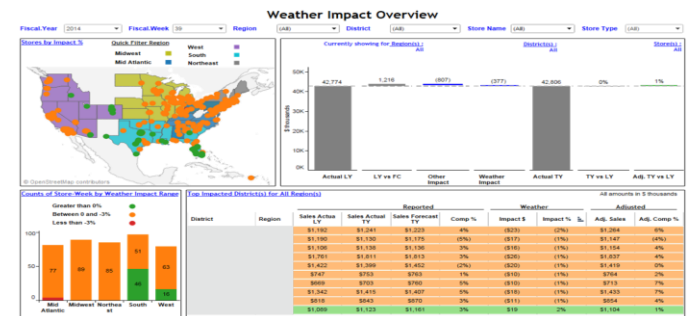
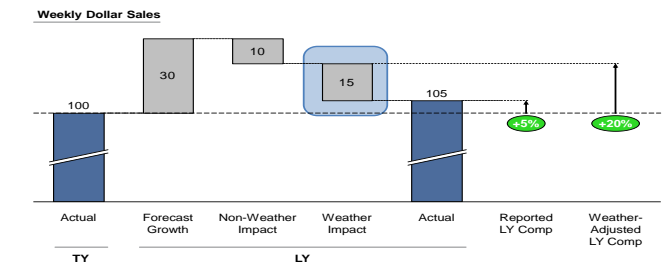
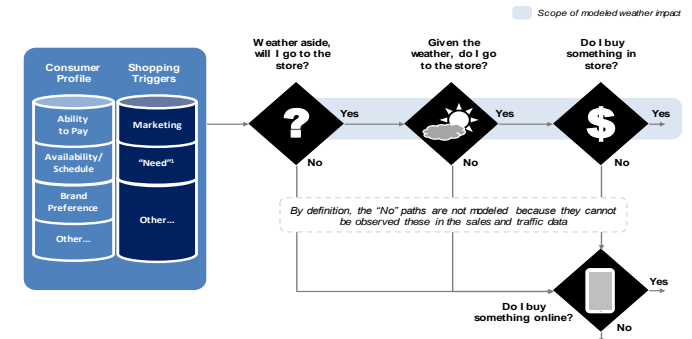
## KPMG response

— Create a model that statistically linked weather observations geo-mapped to individual store locations with differences between forecast and actual store sales.

— Calculate the impact of weather on sales for a given week and adjusted rates for same-store weekly sales comps.

## Benefits to retailer

- Ability to estimate how weather contributes to deviations from its sales forecasts each week.
- Identification of where non-weather-related factors influenced sales and operational performance.
- Better understanding of customer buying pattern.



# Predicting student withdrawals

## The challenge

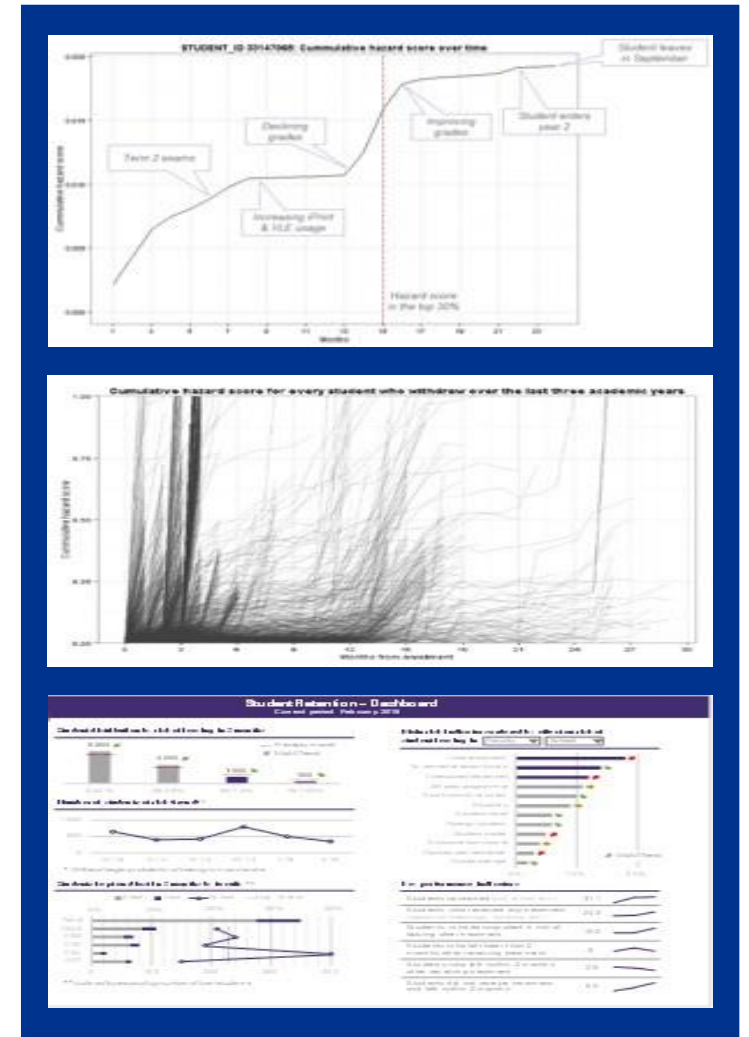
— A leading university wanted to reduce students leaving before graduating by approaching at-risk students with targeted remedial actions to prevent their withdrawal.

## KPMG response

- Developed a survival analysis model that combined advanced analytics, various data sources, along with machine learning, to identify characteristics of students likely to leave the university prematurely.
- Model examined over 1,500 initial data signals, pulls data from relevant sources, and provides a hazard score for each student.
- Model enables the university to intervene on a timely basis with customized interventions to improve student retention.

## Benefits to university

- Improved student retention = increased tuition revenues
- Enhanced brand through higher graduation rates
- Changes to curriculum, faculty, classroom and housing needs



# Automated intelligence

## The challenge

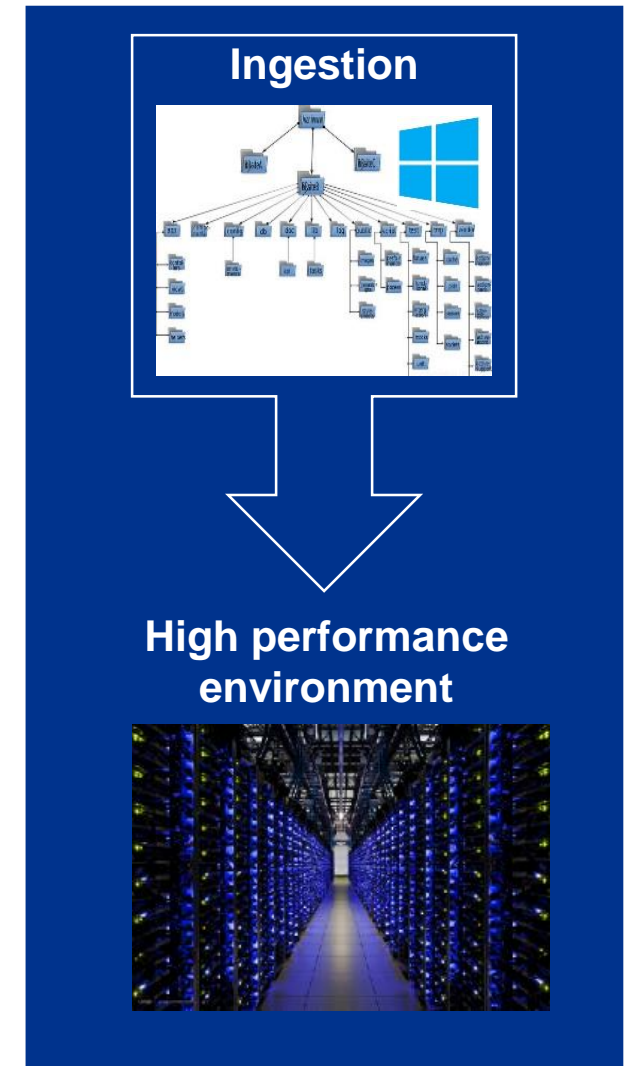
- Company sells \$5B of assets but needs to review 2 million documents to ensure that sensitive documents are held back while documents of the sold assets go to the acquirer.
- Challenges in the form of complex file structure and document types, plus highly specialized technical and proprietary content (a.k.a. unstructured data)

## KPMG response

- Leveraging its Athena Document Cognitive Automation Framework for:
  - Acquisition, scanning, and ingestion of 2 million documents
  - Three-Tiered strategy to classify documents as going to Seller vs. Acquirer
  - Document Risk Scoring for review by Seller subject matter experts
  - Reporting, Visualization, and Interactive Refinement

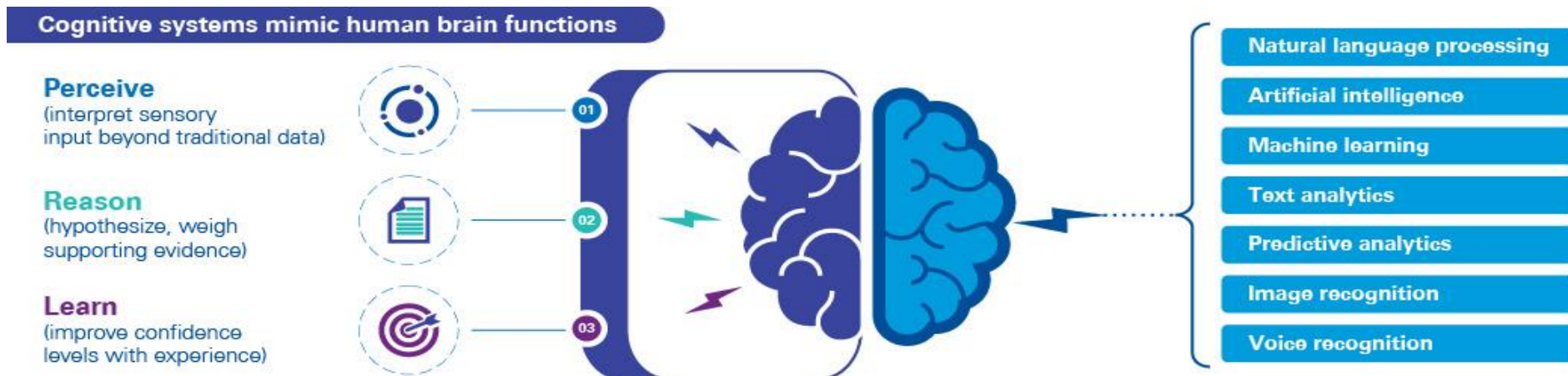
## Benefits to seller

- Cost Reduction - \$28 vs. \$.49 per document
- Efficiency - 8 FTE/12 months vs. 4 FTE/4 months
- Coverage - sample vs. 100%
- Clear audit trail of documents to be disclosed/retained, and reasons for the determinations.



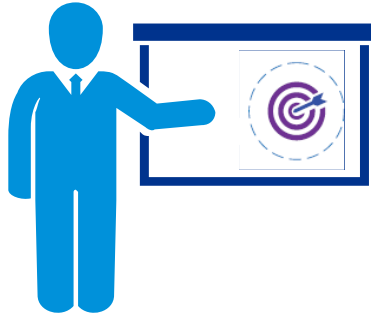
# What is cognitive technology?

- A major element of artificial intelligence and self-learning systems that uses data mining, pattern recognition and natural language processing to simulate human thought processes
- Powered by machine learning algorithms that continually acquire knowledge and, as it learns, becomes capable of anticipating new problems and modeling approaches in response



The analytical capabilities of cognitive technology are well-suited to the expanding data volumes and automated analytical processes prevalent in today's audit environment.

# Benefits of Cognitive Technology



1

**Extracting key attributes from unstructured data**

2

**Training the cognitive system to perform judgmental activities**

3

**Engaging machine learning to enhance items 1 and 2 above**

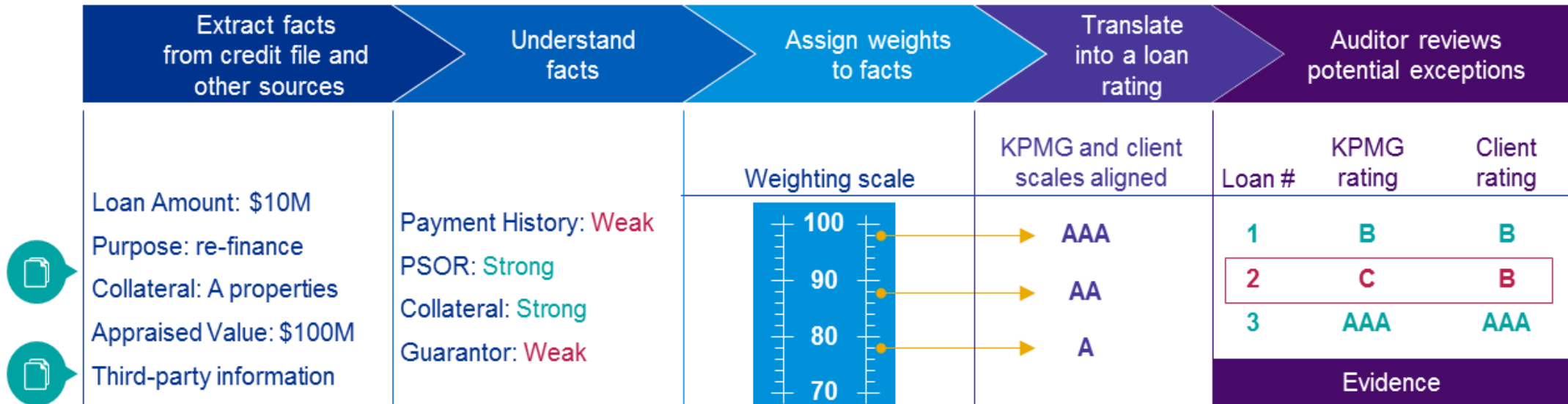
# CMLA prototype summary

## Credit file loan grading approach

Today: Limited sample of bank's loan portfolio (40 – 150 loans)



Future: Larger, more complete data sets from specific loan portfolios

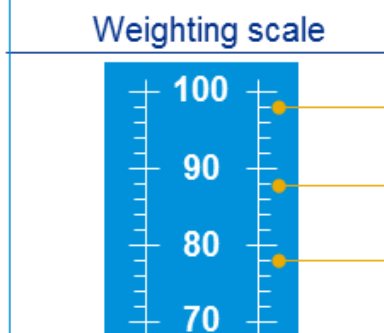


Applying these new technologies allows our auditors to assess larger data populations against complex and judgmental metrics in a highly automated and effective manner.



Loan Amount: \$10M  
 Purpose: re-finance  
 Collateral: A properties  
 Appraised Value: \$100M  
 Third-party information

Payment History: **Weak**  
 PSOR: **Strong**  
 Collateral: **Strong**  
 Guarantor: **Weak**



KPMG and client scales aligned

AAA  
 AA  
 A



# Robotics changing the way business is done

\$152.7

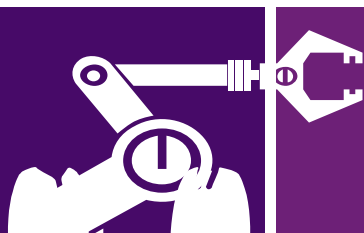


The global market for robots and artificial intelligence is expected to reach \$152.7 billion by 2020. The adoption of these technologies could **improve productivity by 30 percent**. *Bank of America Merrill Lynch*

Recent research from the *London School of Economics* suggests a **return on investment** in robotic technologies of between 600% and 800% for specific tasks



600% and  
800% ROI



*McKinsey* research suggests that smart robots will replace more than **100 million knowledge workers** – or one-third of the world's jobs – by 2025





# Personnel, skill sets and capabilities

# Accountant for the data age



-  **Is prepared for how the profession has evolved and will evolve in the future**
-  **Is empowered with data and analytics skillsets**
-  **Maintains a firm foundation in accounting, auditing, tax, financial reporting and business acumen**
-  **Is innovative**
-  **Embraces change**
-  **Applies advanced technologies with ease**

# Knowledge areas for data age accountants

**Common challenges  
and risks**

**Collection, cleaning  
and analysis of data**

**Database design**

**Common ERP  
capabilities**

**Technology and options  
for visualizations**

**Decision making  
in the Data Age**

**Use of predictive,  
prescriptive and  
regression analysis**

**Commitment of time and  
patience**

**Modeling patterns  
of data, outliers  
and anomalies**

# KPMG Master of Accounting with Data and Analytics Program

**The first-of-its-kind Program is being developed at:**

- The Ohio State University Max M. Fisher College of Business
- Villanova School of Business
- Additional partner universities will be added

**Connecting with academia to build accountants for the data age**



# KPMG master of accounting with data and analytics program

Demonstrates the importance placed by the profession on a quality education

Closes the gap between academic preparation and accounting career readiness

Encourages more students to obtain a graduate education before entering the accounting profession

Influences the broader academic and student community to pursue an advanced curriculum that includes data and analytics

Accelerates “time to impact” for new accounting professionals

Sets the tone for academic innovation in accounting



# Implementing digital transformation

# Considerations to implement digital transformation



— **Connect strategic decision-makers with operational owners and D&A practitioners** by partnering with business units and functions to change mindsets and identify and drive most valuable opportunities in analytics



— Utilize your unique position to own the strategy for maximum data sharing in order to **drive data democratization**



— Partner with the CIO to **invest in nimble technology layers** that enable analytics on top of the ERP backbone

## Digitalization is not easy

**Missing Skills – Data Access – Data Quality – Disparate Systems – Data to Insights – Silver Bullet Mentality**

**Time & patience**