

The Continuum of Intelligent Automation

How RPA, Autonomics and Cognitive are Coming of Age

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Overview

Tom Reuner is Managing Director for IT Outsourcing Research at HfS. Tom is responsible for driving the HfS research agenda for the "As-a-Service Economy" across SaaS applications, cloud eco-systems and IT. Together with his HfS colleagues Tom continues to develop ground breaking research around process automation and cognitive computing in both IT and business processes. A central theme for all of his research is the increasing linkages between technological evolution and evolution in the delivery of business processes.

Previous Experience

Tom's deep understanding of the dynamics of this market comes from having held senior positions with Gartner, Ovum and KPMG Consulting in the UK and with IDC in Germany where his responsibilities ranged from research and consulting to business development. He has always been involved in advising clients on the formulation of strategies, guiding them through methodologies and analytical data and working with clients to develop impactful and actionable insights. Tom is frequently quoted in the leading business and national press, appeared on TV and is a regular presenter at conferences.

Education

Tom has a PhD in History from the University of Göttingen in Germany.



HfS Research Has Been Writing About Intelligent Automation for 3+ Years















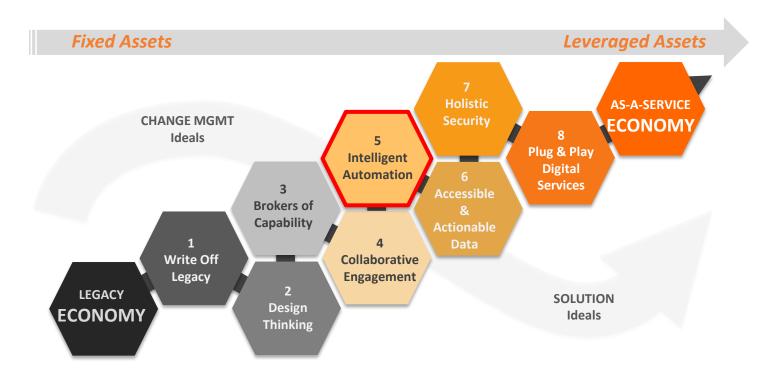




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We Are Moving Toward An As-a-Service Economy

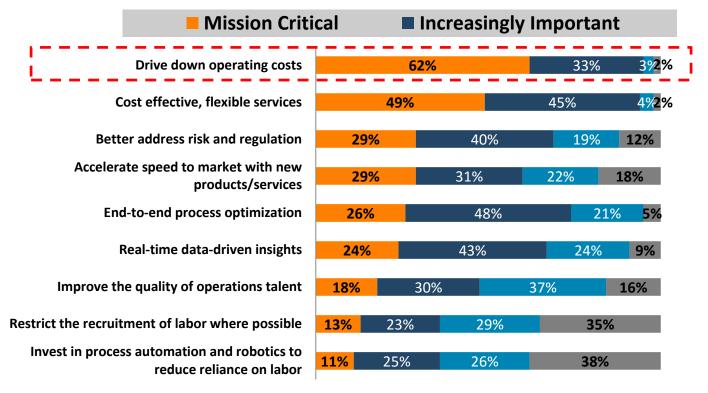
- Intelligent Automation is one building block, but not the panacea
- Change Management, in particular new organizational models are critical





While It Is Tempting To Look At Automation Only For Cost

How critical are the following C-Suite priorities/directives, in terms of shifting from a Cost Focus to a Value Focus with your operating model?



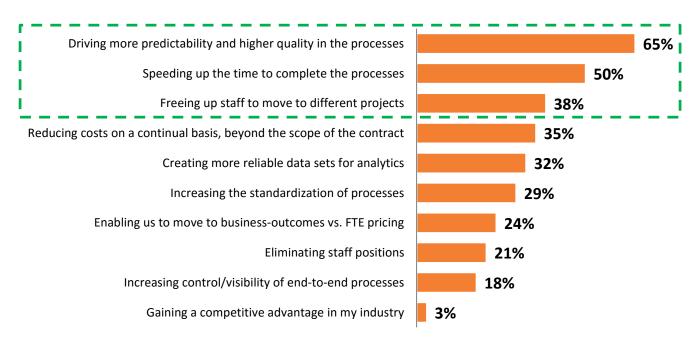
Source: HfS Research and KPMG LLP, 2015

Sample: 168 Enterprise Buyer Executives from "Achieving Value Beyond Cost" Study, November-December 2014



We Need To Focus On Intelligent Automation Also Being About Quality, Predictability and Speed

What do you believe to be the most important components of the value proposition for Robotic Process Automation? (Choose Top 3)

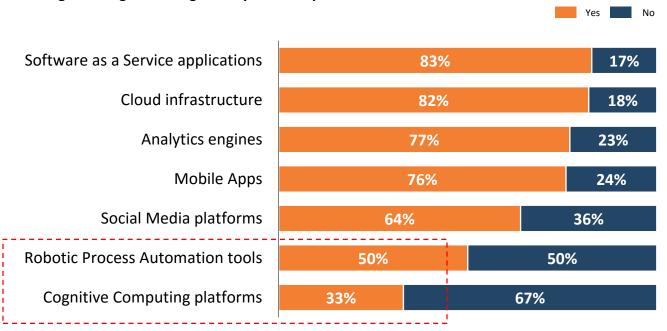


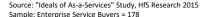


Source: "Ideals of As-a-Services" Study, HfS Research 2015
Sample: Total = 716; Enterprise Buyers = 178; Advisors/Consultants = 176; Service Providers = 372

This Conflict May Be Because Many Enterprises Don't Really Understand Intelligent Automation Today

Do you fully understand the value propositions for the following enabling technologies for your enterprise?

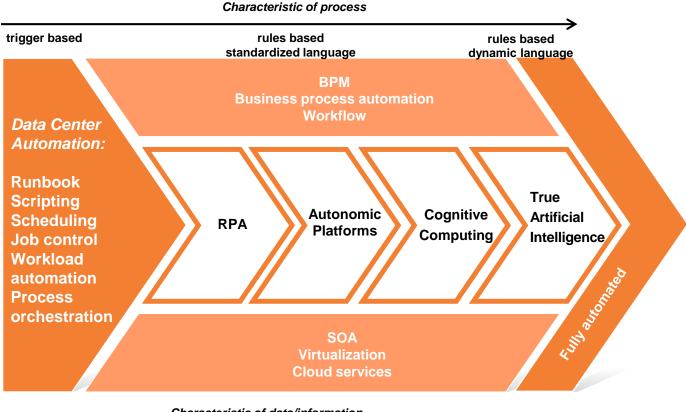




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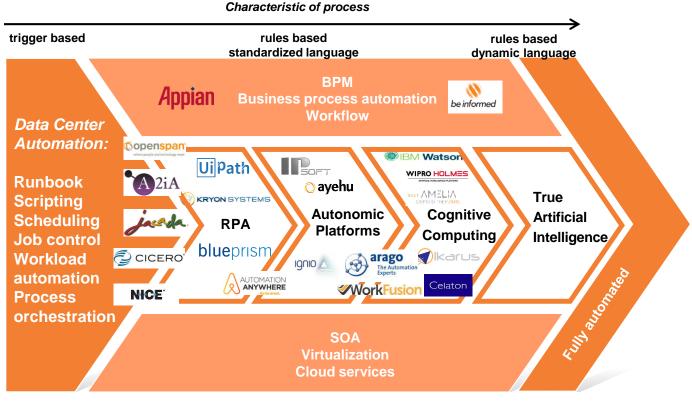
HfS Sees Intelligent Automation As A Continuum Today





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With An Ever Increasing Variety Of Solutions



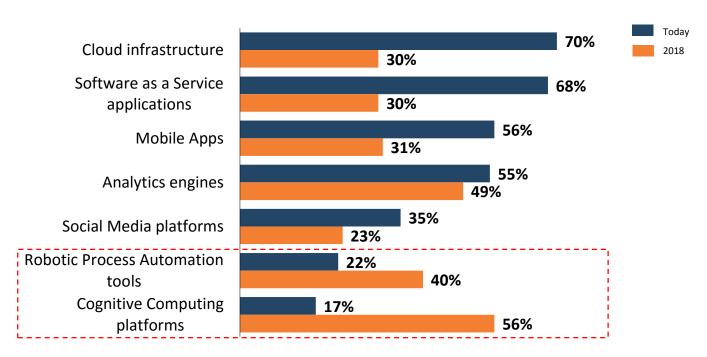


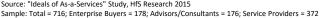
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Many See Intelligent Automation As A Technology For The Future

What are the most significant enabling technologies TODAY in your move to the "As-a-Service Economy" and which do you think will be the most significant in 2018?







And It Is A Nascent Market But There Are Broad Lessons Already



This is a nascent market, service providers are not (yet) educating the stakeholders while software vendors are trying



Amongst service providers there is a lack of understanding of impact on revenue models as well as fear of transparency



Perception is dominated by RPA – Autonomics or broader impact of Cognitive Computing largely not discussed



But the narrative is shifting from a narrow cost, FTE replacement focus toward transformation and business agility – akin cloud discussion



Most implementations are very client specific and often on subprocess level



Solutions are beginning to address unstructured data, less well defined processes and broad notions of Cognitive Computing and AI





There Are Also Specific Lessons From The Trenches of F&A BPO Deployments Of Intelligent Automation



It's easy to create a software "bot". It's hard to industrialize them to deliver significant benefits



RPA in particular can be confused as process transformation, many times it is being deployed as a more efficient way of running a bad process



Position Intelligent Automation within your IT roadmap - is it a shortterm fix while major technology refreshes come on stream or more



A lack of process standardization continues to be an automation bottleneck (e.g., requests received by email with subjective instructions)



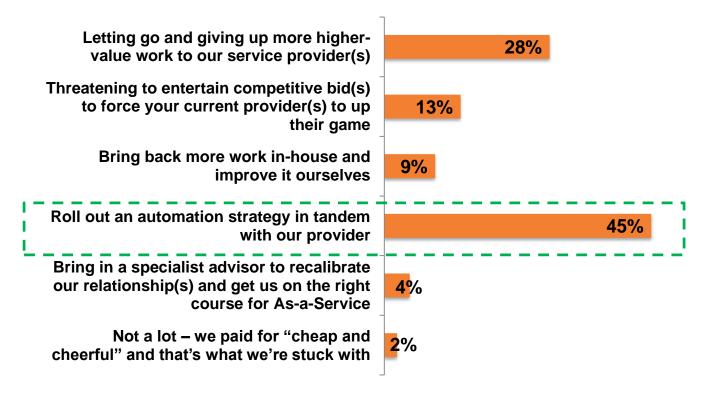
Accessing applications through the UI, especially via Citrix can be challenging and fragile



Use an agile implementation approach but do not take on too many parallel projects. Start small and simple and build momentum

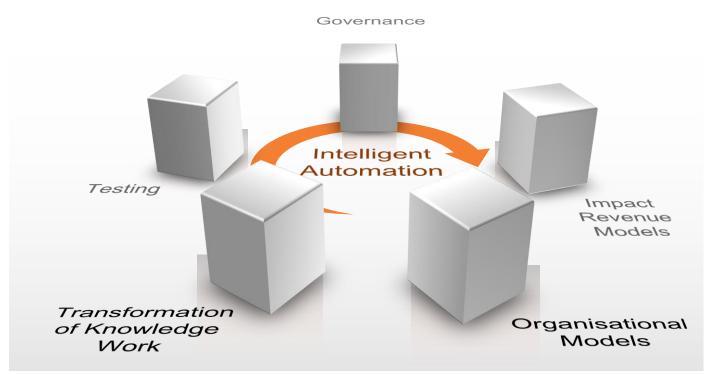


Buyers Want To Roll Out Intelligent Automation With Their Service Providers As A Leading Way To Improve The Quality of Relationships



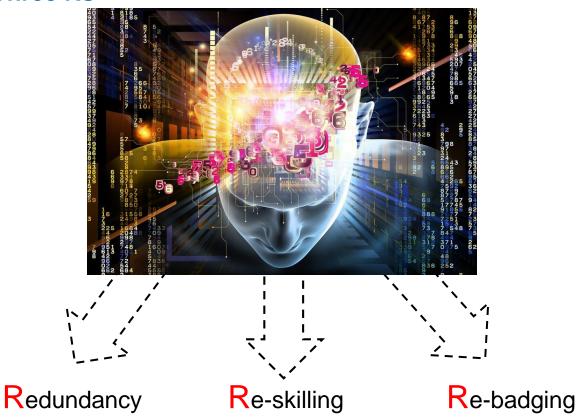


Mind The Gap: These Topics Have To Be On The (Automation) Center Stage





There Will Be Fallout from Intelligent Automation: The Three Rs





So We Need To Transform What Knowledge Work Means



New Jobs
Data Insight Manager
Augmentation Integrator
Visualization Interpretation
"Bot" Employee Oversight
Automation Overlord

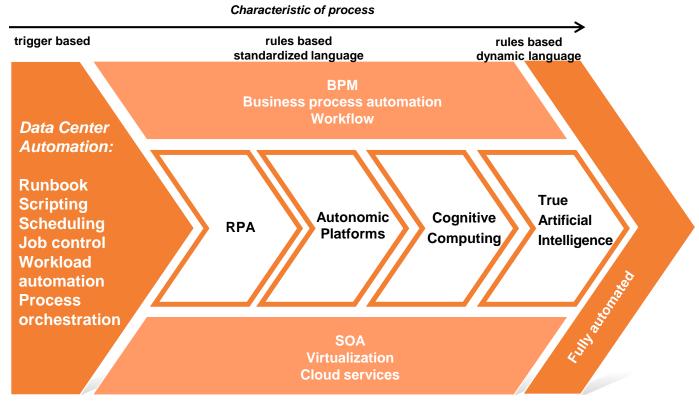
Endangered Jobs

Data Entry
Abstracting & Indexing
Data Reconciliation
L1 Customer Support
Master Data Management





Which Will Be Felt From Across The Continuum





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To Measure This Impact HfS Is Using Autonomics As A Broader Way Of Looking At Service Provider Progress In Intelligent Automation



The full Autonomics Premier League is available:

Horsesforsources.com in blog format

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The 2016 Autonomics Premier League (1st-12th)



2016	Service Provider	Comments
1	IBM	Pervasiveness of Watson, acceleration of Dynamic Automation program, scaling out of IPsoft's IPcenter
2	NTT Communications	Pioneer of IPcenter deployments, largest scale to date, adopting Amelia in mainstream scenarios
3	Accenture	Strong vision, building out artificial intelligence engine and Artificial Intelligence Lab
4	Cognizant	Strong thought-leadership, proprietary HPA tool as differentiator
5	Capgemini	Strong vision of BPO unit, scaling out Autonomics PaaS platform
6	TCS	Strong focus on proprietary capabilities, ignio platform starting to get traction
7	Syntel	Holistic strategy with SyntBots platform
8	Wipro	Building out Holmes platform with broad capabilities that need to mature
9	Infosys	After pioneering IPsoft partnership, refocusing on proprietary platforms
10	Dell	Sound vision, pervasive build out across IT Ops and provisioning/release automation
11	НР	BPO has solid strategy, while Infra is lagging in buildout
12	Xerox	Mature approach around its Automated Intelligence platform within the Automation Suite

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