# Disclosure Management: Streamlining the Last Mile

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# XBRL solution options

Outsourced Disclosure Management



#### Outsourced Model

### Benefits

- Faster roll-out due to outsourced model
- Lower cost of implementation
- Allows teams to build their XBRL expertise

## Challenges

- Capacity during peak filing periods given scale of market requirements
- Pencils down period
- Turnaround times (Normally from 48 to 72+ hours)
- Service level agreements
- Confidentiality of data
- Timing of late changes may lead to delays in filing
- Internal processes still require sufficient level of XBRL knowledge
- Vendor provided tools often are insufficient for adequate quality processes

### Disclosure Management

### Benefits

- Control over XBRL preparation process
- Potential for significant efficiency and quality improvements in "last mile" of financial reporting through automation
- Greater reliance on automated controls in the period-end financial reporting process

#### • Challenges

- Technical knowledge and skill set
- IT requirements
- User education and training
- Cost and risk associated with implementation





## **XBRL Transitions**

- Info Access manual/opaque → automated/transparent
- Assembly process manual → automated
   centralized → decentralized
- Review process linear → contextual
   distributed → collaborative
- Controls manual → streamlined/automated
   Siloed → collaborative/social

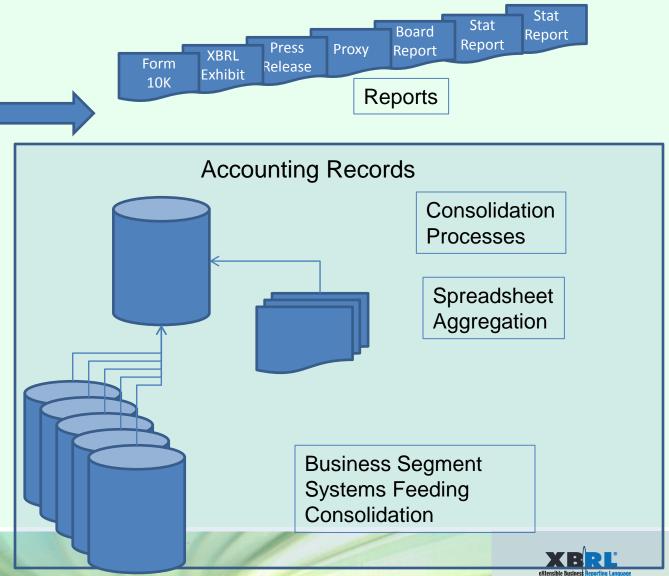




# Typical Manual Assembly / Review Processes

Reports are created via a series of access and rekeying efforts manually replicating information contained in the company accounting records.

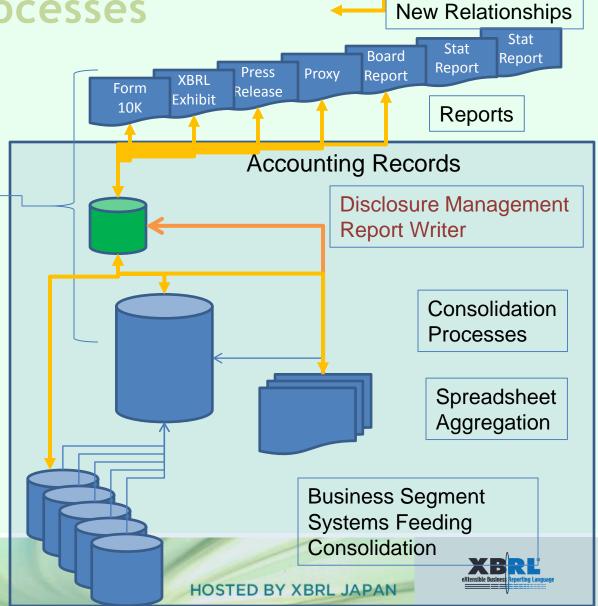
In a typical company process, there are 'no' to 'very limited' explicit connections between reported disclosures and company accounting records.



Disclosure Management Enables Enhanced Processes ← □

Mapping relationships between company report writer systems and the company report are explicit and access, reuse and some validation processes are automated within the built-in application. These explicit relationships exist between source system accounting records and company report.

Report Writer process controls are critical and may include: application access controls; control over mappings (both incoming and outgoing); log of changes; report versioning controls and audit trail; others?



# Disclosure Management Common Process & Control Enhancements

- Automated Spreadsheet Assembly
- Automated Report Assembly
- Automated Report Validation
- Automated Narrative Text Generation
- Contextual Review Process
- Automated XBRL Reports
- Automated Benchmarking
- Explicit References
- Collaborative Review Processes
- Virtual Service Center

- 25% to 50%
   cost and time
   enhancements
- Control

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## Some Relevant Vendors and Tools

## **Disclosure Management**

- IBM Cognos FSR
- Webfilings
- Rivet Crossfire
- Altova MapForce
- Corefilings Seahorse
- Oracle Disclosure Manager
- SAP Disclosure Management
- <u>Tagetik</u>
- Trintech Cadency Complete

## **Analytical**

- Arelle
- Corefiling Magnify
- Fujitsu Interstage XWand
- XBRLCloud





## Implementation Considerations

- Social process vs. 'webmaster'
- Assembly automation enabling 'flow through' of source content updates
- Automation of analysis and validation rules
- Automation of content development
- Contextual review of disclosures
- Collaborative review of draft reports
- Multiple report presentation alternatives
- Transparency of supporting transaction level information
- Comparative analysis of peer disclosures
- Automated reference links
- Range of reports and professionals impacted





# Differentiating Features

- Nature (client server vs. SAAS)
- Connectivity with full range of information sources (interoperability / consumption)
- Rules management (validation and analytical risk assessments)
- •Collaborative workflows and controls (Administration across broadest range of professionals)
- Presentation management (disclosures reusable across broad range of reports)
- Reference management (disclosure relationships w/ policies, models, risks)
- •Report Analytical assessments (collaborative nature of risk assessment rules management)
- Support (timely international support and range of languages)
- Technical compliance (with broadest range of technical standards)
- Taxonomy management (automated vs. manual; multiple vs. single)
  - •Mapping (wizards that support peer benchmarking / company specific extensions)
  - •Taxonomy support (timely support for range of taxonomies e.g. Solvency II)





# **Development Priorities**

- Query / Analytical Assessments
- •Rules Management collaboration, reporting
- •Collaborative Workflow and Controls across broad range of domains
- Publishing templates, RSS management
- Registry Access (units)
- •Interoperability broad range of sources; XBRL Consumption
- •Taxonomy Mapping range of taxonomies, benchmarking
- •Taxonomy Management unused extension suppression, extension collaboration, languages
- •Technical Compliance Inline Specification (iXBRL), calculation support for reporting, relationship management (references)
- Legal Entity support LEI standard





## **ROI** Considerations

- + License cost of software, dependent on factors including vendor, nature of implementation and number of seats.
- + Implementation costs, using software license cost as an estimate
- + Training time/costs, dependent on implementation approach
- Outsourcing costs for XBRL tagging and related time for "pencils-down" allotments
- Final format document costs including Regulator formatting fees/ typesetting fees/other printer costs (hard dollar costs for current expenses that could be removed)
- Process enhancement costs (see listing of process enhancements areas)
- Time/cost reduction multiplied by the number of reports assembled manually
- -Estimate a time line for increase in the number of reports processed through the Disclosure Management application (not just relevant to quarterly/annual reports)
- = Net Benefit/Cost (ROI)





## Other Resources & Articles

- Disclosure Management: Streamlining the Last Mile
- 'Making Sense of XBRL in the US and the UK'
- •FEI Magazine Article: "The Time is Right for Standard Business Reporting"
- FEI Magazine Article: "Benefits of Comprehensive Integrated Reporting"
- Breathing New Life into Old Systems with XBRL GL Wacoal Case
   Study
- MACPA XBRL Global Ledger Case Study
- •XBRL: Finding a better way forward webcast archive





# Thank you

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