# Disclosure Management: Streamlining the Last Mile

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# **Discussion Items**

Perceptions drive Implementation Approach Standardize to Streamline The Last Mile Internal Silo's & Inhibiting Opacity Empowering Consumers

**Appendix - Resources** 







# Perceptions drive Implementation Approach

- Compliance perception
  - add manual process and controls increasing cost/time (e.g. outsource)
- Standardization perception
  - automate /streamline
     processes and controls
     decreasing cost/time (e.g.
     build-in)

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Supply Chain Standardization Examples:

- UPC/bar code
- Containerization
- HTML

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# Perceptions drive Implementation Approach

- XBRL is a freely available international information format standard
- Standardization for Reporting
  - External
  - Internal
- Standardization for Internal Infrastructure
  - Ledgers
  - Sub-ledgers
- What if you could access any information you needed with a plain language query?







# Standardize to Streamline

Info Access 

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- manual/opaque  $\rightarrow$  automated/transparent
- Assembly process manual  $\rightarrow$  automated
- - centralized  $\rightarrow$  decentralized
- **Review process** •
- linear  $\rightarrow$  contextual
  - distributed  $\rightarrow$  collaborative
- manual  $\rightarrow$  streamlined/automated Controls Siloed  $\rightarrow$  collaborative/social



#### **Typical Manual Last Mile**

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.

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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?

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#### 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

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- Collaborative Review Processes
- Virtual Service Center

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25% to 50%
cost and time
enhancements
Control



#### Disclosure Management 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

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• Range of reports and professionals impacted



# Internal Silo's & Opacity

 Internal and external information opacity inhibits the holistic picture company executives need to effectively manage the business

• Reports reflect information from their system of origin and are often too narrow or are manually assembled and thereby either too expensive or untimely to be valuable for decision-making.

• Disparate internal company information silo's commonly include inconsistent definitions of commonly used terms — full-time equivalent, sick days, square foot, customer and others.

• Each internal information silo pushes its own version of the truth to management for decision analysis purposes.





### **Perceptions are Reality**









#### **Standardization Empowers Consumers**

#### Current Model - Producer Driven

#### **Standardization Enables Consumers**



# **General Benefits**

- Greater access to and reuse of information from a wide range of both internal and external information sources
- More automated and streamlined assembly and review processes, eliminating pervasive manual assembly and review systems
- More transparent, reusable and collaboration of information, analytical concepts, presentations; enhancing process agility
- More relevant information available for management and stakeholder decision analysis
- Wider collaboration on relevant concepts providing a broader dialogue as suggested by International Integrated Reporting Committee (IIRC) and the World Intellectual Capital Initiative (WICI).





### **Process Enhancements**

- Easy information access across all relevant systems lowering information reuse and systems maintenance costs
- Consumer-driven reporting and analysis
- Social or collaborative reporting and analysis processes that improve coordination across organizational business segments and information silos
- Improved agility of decision analysis processes
- Comprehensive assessments of information highly relevant to integrated reporting.







### Implementation Considerations

• Coordination across a wide range of business segments, processes, information silos and internal groups.

- Understand corporate strategy drivers
- Assess core values and the resources required for delivery
- Assess critical company processes; customer, employee, vendor and community attributes; supply chain processes; and market, competitor and other external forces.
- Assess relevant information from across these comprehensive strategic areas (most difficult tasks for managers).
- This often requires a better, more holistic approach to company key performance indicators those that are integrated into the company's long-term strategy for value creation across all stakeholders.





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#### **ROI for Disclosure Management**

+ 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)

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#### Disclosure Management 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)

How to Differentiate Disclosure Management Features





#### Disclosure Management 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)

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- 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



### Some Relevant Vendors and Tools

#### Disclosure Management

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

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• Trintech Cadency Complete

#### **Analytical**

- <u>Arelle</u>
- <u>Corefiling Magnify</u>
- Fujitsu Interstage XWand
- <u>XBRLCloud</u>



# **Other Resources & Articles**

- Disclosure Management: Streamlining the Last Mile
- How to Differentiate Disclosure Management Features
- FEI Magazine Article: "Benefits of Comprehensive Integrated Reporting"
- FEI Magazine Article: "The Time is Right for Standard Business Reporting"
- MACPA XBRL Global Ledger Case Study
- XBRL: Finding a better way forward webcast archive





#### Resources

Some freely available non-financial Taxonomies WICI GRI **XBRL Global Ledger** MD&A **Corporate Actions** Mutual Fund Risk & Return **MicroFinance GRC-XML RSC Corporate Social Responsibility Estimating Greenhouse Gases** 







## Thank you

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