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- Governance Centralization
- Risk Management Automation
- Compliance Automation
- Security – Access Control, Roles, Segregation of Duties
- IT GRC
- Wrap-up

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Introduction to GRC



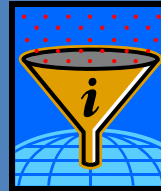
About GRC

- In the context of GRC:
 - Governance means:
 - Execution on a strategy
 - Putting in place right policies and procedures
 - Communication of the policies
 - Checking of the policies in action
 - Updating and evolution of the policies
 - Framework for risk and compliance
 - Risk means:
 - Understanding and managing the risks related to your business
 - Reduce the risk of failing the compliance with a specific regulation
 - Compliance means:
 - Satisfying the external and internal standards that have been set forth for your business.



Goal of GRC

- The goal of GRC is to help a company efficiently:
 - Put policies and controls in place;
 - Fulfill compliance obligations;
 - Gather information that enables proactively run the business;
 - Create a nervous system helping manage the business more effectively;
 - Derive a competitive advantage from understanding risks.



- GRC makes sure that an organization do things the right way.
- GRC keeps track of activities and raises an alert when things start to go off track or when risks appear.



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Drivers for GRC and its automation

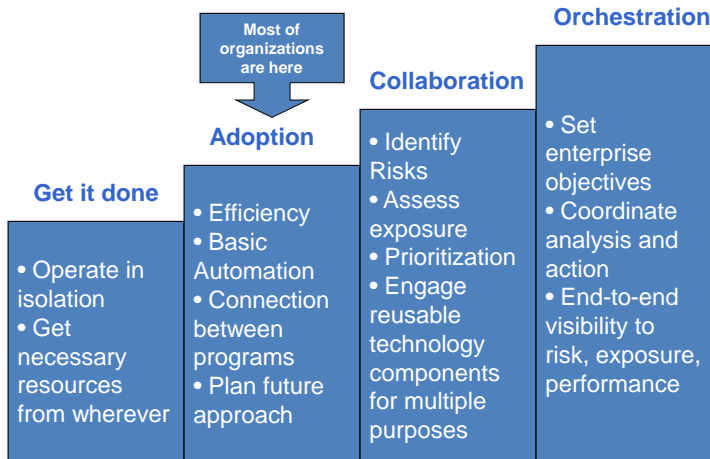
- Inaccurate financial reporting will damage the financial system
- Failing an audit, which must be reported in public financial statements
- External and internal scrutiny
- Going from private to public
- Private companies up for sale to public companies
- Managing dramatic growth
- Managing risks
- Reducing costs
- High volume of compliance



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GRC Maturity Model



Governance Centralization



About Governance

- Governance is a framework within which a risk and compliance program is established
- Governance defines how to determine the risks, their mitigation, procedures, policies, and compliance

Governance Computerized Central Library

- A central computerized library for governance:
 - Aligns regulations with internal compliance policies as evidence of compliance
 - Centralizes the governance in terms of documentation, testing, remediation, and control monitoring
 - Rationalizes controls against multiple frameworks
- Software solutions for central computerized library are:
 - Microsoft Sharepoint
 - Document management packages
 - Governance component of SAP and Oracle
 - Home-grown shared folders



Challenges to implement Governance Computerized Central Library

- Governance computerized central library may be perceived as:
 - A burden because of its costs
 - Constraints on the core functions of the organization
 - A change of current practices

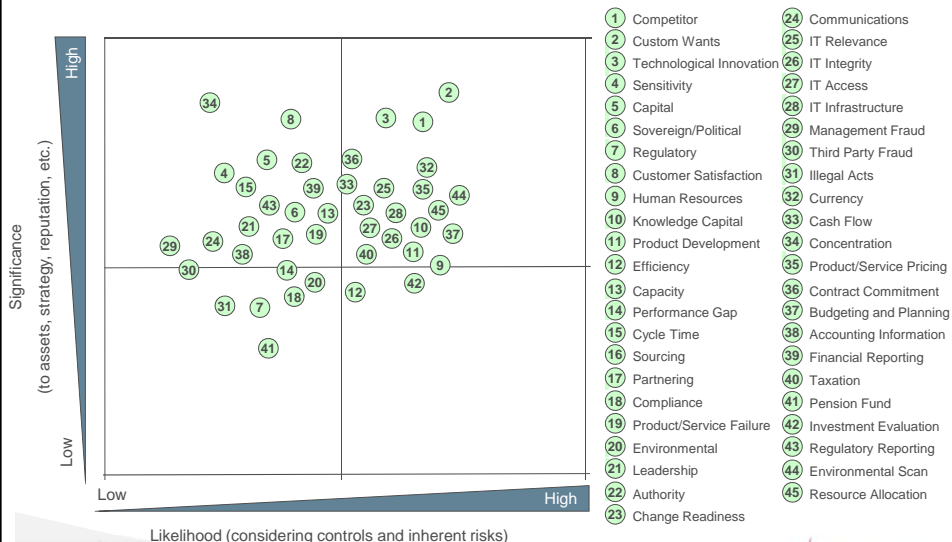
Risk Management Automation

Risk Management Automation

- Automation of the process of monitoring risks is referred to as Risk Management Automation
- The leading practice for Risk Management Automation is to deploy an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) software application
- The extent of automation of risk management depends on the level of integration between ERM and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)



Risk Map for Risk Management Automation



Risk Management Automation Examples

Risk 1:

- Supply Chain Continuity
 - Indicator 1: Scrap Rate > 5%
 - Indicator 2: Supplier on time deliveries < 97%
 - Indicator 3: Contract Manufacturer planning accuracy < 98%
 - Indicator 4: Critical Item A inventory level < 100

Risk 2:

- Human Resources
 - Indicator 1: Injuries > 3 in a given period
 - Indicator 2: Talent Exodus > 1 per functional area and period

Risk 3:

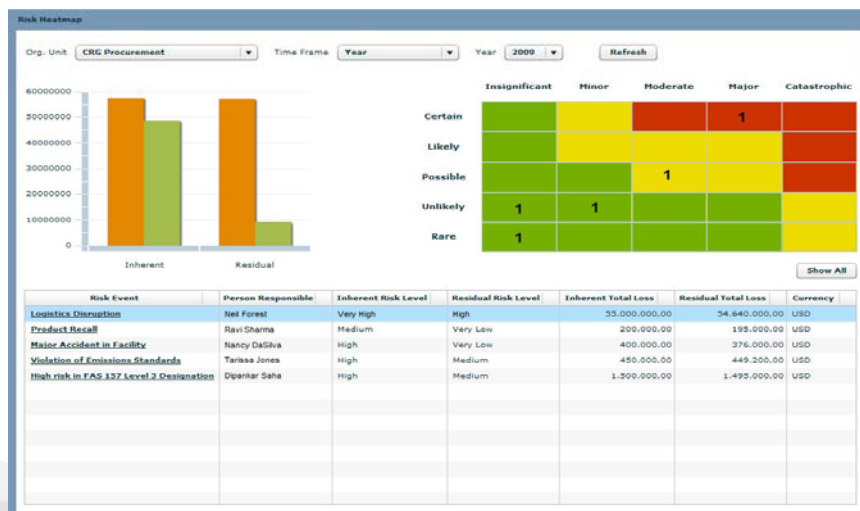
- Product Development
 - Indicator 1: Price > 2% of market (competition price)
 - Indicator 2: Customers Need Survey Gap < 95%



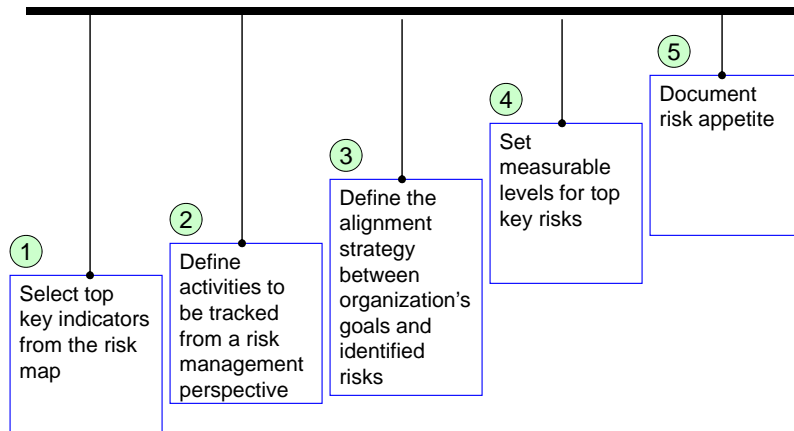
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Example of Risk Management Dashboard



Main steps for Risk Management Automation



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Benefits of Risk Management Automation

- Enablement and automation of enterprise risk management across lines of business.
- Leverage the vast data environments in your organization including ERP, e-mail systems, spreadsheets, and documents.
- Alignment of the risk management with corporate strategy.
- Good quality information to make better decisions taking into account key risk factors.



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Challenges to Risk Management Automation

- Organization's Culture
- Lack of proper Data and systems
- Risk management strategy and approach
- Role confusion (no risk manager)
- Disconnect between policies and processes
- Disconnect between governance and risks
- Consider risk management automation as an IT initiative or need



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Compliance Automation



About Compliance

- In relation with external environment of organization, compliance is the process of meeting the requirements dictated by laws and regulations
- In relation with internal environment of organization, compliance is concerned with self-defined rules or the policies defined to determine how a company does business
- Main areas of compliance are finance, trade, environmental, health, and safety
- The most important mandate from a compliance perspective is to have comprehensive and appropriate **controls** to detect the violation of the regulations
- In the recent years, SOX compliance is the one that has got the most attention and resources



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Impact of Business Process Automation on Controls

- Automated Controls are direct results of business process automation
- When a business process (for example Procure-to-Pay) is automated the paperwork and manual checking (controls) are replaced by automated controls embedded in the software

• Before Automation

- Requisition department sends paperwork to purchasing department;
- Purchasing department select the vendor, negotiate the price, inform requisition department of the expected arrival ;
- Purchasing department sends delivery information to warehouse to match the order with the delivered goods and papers;
- Delivered goods are received, paper signed and sent to the accounting department;
- Accounting department compares the invoice quantities with the received goods, the invoiced price with ordered price, and schedule the payment based on the payment terms.

• After Automation

- Requisition is entered and approved based on the authorization matrix and through a workflow hierarchy;
- Approved requisition is routed to purchasing department for final adjustments and validation;
- Warehouse records the received goods against the purchase order in the system;
- Potential variations are distributed into pre-defined accounts and pre-populated tolerance levels validate or invalidate the transaction;
- The invoice payment is scheduled automatically according to payment terms, amount of received goods, and authorized purchasing price.



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Benefits of Automated Controls

- Cheaper, with fewer errors
- Better protection
- Quicker to detect and fix
- Embedded into core systems
- Simultaneous control and monitoring
- Automatic evidence
- No sampling
- Ripple effect

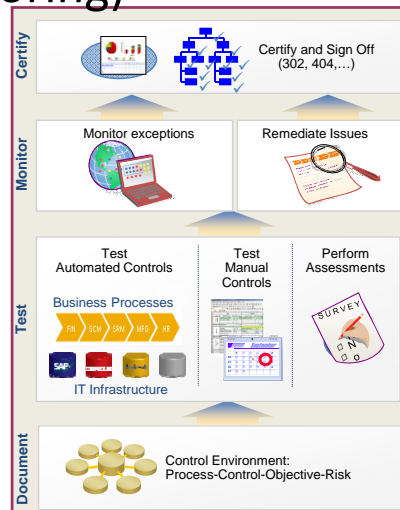


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Automation of Process Controls (Monitoring)

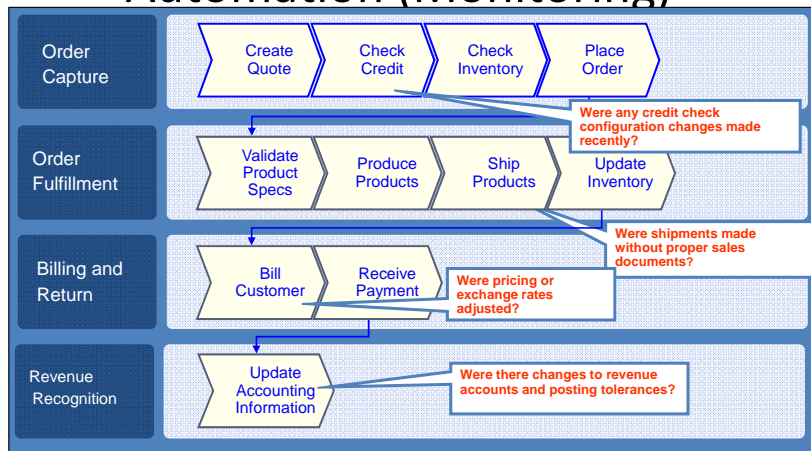
- Automation of process controls requires:
 - Single software solution for enterprise-wide control management;
 - Centralized management for both manual and automated controls;
 - Management by exception prioritizing remediation activities;
 - Visibility into what is happening in the control environment;
 - Management of financial, operational, and IT controls including one or across multiple enterprise systems;
 - Improvement of controls based on regular and frequent assessments.



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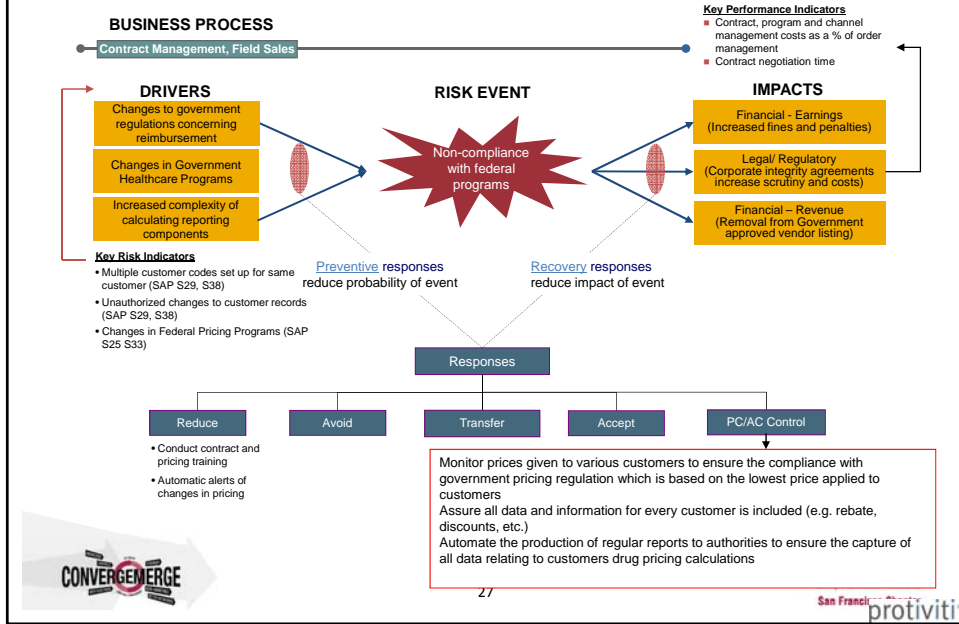
Examples of Process Controls Automation (Monitoring)



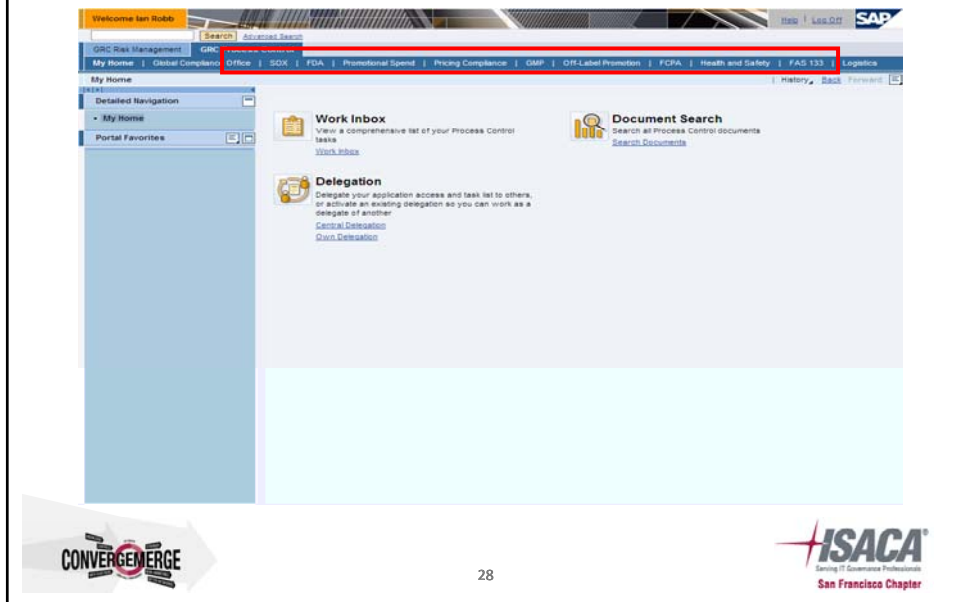
Example of Pricing Compliance

- Pricing is both competitive and extremely complex.
- An increasing number of lawsuits by Medicare focus on failure of companies to maintain their MFN (most favorite nation) clause to federal programs.
- This process is made increasingly difficult by both complexity of government programs (i.e. Medicaid Drugs Rebate Program, Medicare Part B and the Veteran's Healthcare Act) and the 'gross to net' adjustments (rebates, discounts, etc) used with companies across the industry.

Example of Pricing Compliance



Example of Process Control Automation (Monitoring)



Example of Process Control Automation (Monitoring)

The screenshot displays a software interface for process control automation. On the left, a tree view shows the 'Process Structure' with various categories like Financial Accounting, HR, and Logistics. The 'Contract Management & Compliance' category is expanded, showing a 'Subprocess' named 'Price - Gov't receives lowest price'. On the right, a detailed view for this control is shown, including a description, valid dates, and various attributes like 'Control Automation' (Automated) and 'Nature' (Processing).

Process Structure

Name	Type
Process Structure	
Financial Accounting (FAS 133)	Process
Financial Close Process	Process
Good Manufacturing Practice	Process
Health & Safety	Process
HR and Payroll	Process
Information Technology	Process
Logistics	Process
Off-label Promotions	Process
Order to Cash	Process
Procure to Pay	Process
Product Pricing & Government Compliance	Process
Contract Management & Compliance	Subprocess
Price - Gov't receives lowest price	Control
Price - Monitor price variances	Control
Price - Customer contract compliance	Control
Price - SOD: contract input & approval	Control
Reporting & Monitoring	Subprocess
Price - Rpts submitted to gov't	Control
Training	Subprocess
Price - Policy sign-off and monitoring	Control
Promotional Spending	Process
Regulatory Compliance (FCPA)	Process

Control: Price - Gov't receives lowest price

Description: Price list with approved pricing, price ceilings and price floors are maintained in SAP for government customers and for non-government customers for all SKU's and product numbers. SAP compares master price tables for non-government customers to government customers to ensure no non-government customer prices are below government prices. Any prices for orders that fall outside of the price list pricing range are exceptions trigger an alert email for approval to the VP Sales and VP Compliance, who review the pricing in SAP. To ensure that government prices are the lowest prices and any non-government prices that fall below the price floor are flagged as exceptions.

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Control Automation: Automated
Trigger:
Purpose: Detective
Significance: Key Control
Control or Process Step: Control
Control Category:
Nature: Processing
To Be Tested: Yes
Testing Technique: Attribute sampling
Test Automation: Manual
Test Plan:
Documents: @



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Example of Process Control Automation (Monitoring)

The screenshot shows a 'Risk Heatmap' for the organization 'ERG-ST-OIL-GAS' for the year 2009. It includes a bar chart comparing 'Inherent' and 'Residual' risk levels and a risk matrix. The bar chart shows inherent risk at approximately 28,000,000 and residual risk at approximately 12,000,000. The risk matrix plots risk levels (Certain, Likely, Possible, Unlikely, Rare) against risk categories (Insignificant, Minor, Moderate, Major, Catastrophic).

Risk Heatmap

Org. Unit: ERG-ST-OIL-GAS | Time Frame: Year | Year: 2009 | Refresh

	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Certain					
Likely				1	
Possible			1	1	
Unlikely			1		
Rare				1	1



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Security

Access Control, Roles, Segregation of Duties

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About Access Controls and Roles

- Access control refers to what a person can do in a computer application based on the sign-on (authentication) process.
- Initially permissions were directly assigned to individual users.
- Introduction of Role-based access made it possible to organize and streamline the permissions based on the job functions and business responsibilities.
- Role-based access allowed to manage and track the Segregation of Duties in the business applications.

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Challenges to Role-Based Access Control

- The complexity of the business systems almost wiped out the achievements of Role-Based Access Control because:
 - Ad hoc situation and requirements of individual users
 - Complexity of tracking the given permissions
 - Miscommunication between IT and business
 - Managing exceptions as general rules
 - Complexity related to large scale and global businesses



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Creating Effective Segregation of Duties and Critical Access

- Define the risks related to Segregation of Duties.
- Define the conflict-free business roles.
- Map the business roles to technical roles.
- Assign users to technical roles.
- Identify the duties that you can't segregate.
- Identify the sensitive permissions (non-SoD).



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Automation of Access Control and Segregation of Duties

- Automation of Access Control and SoD can reduce the effort and make continuous enforcement of business rules easier and more cost effective.
- The software for automation of Access Control and SoD should provide:
 - Comprehensive and cross-enterprise set of preventive and detective access controls
 - Tools for business managers, auditors, and the IT team to define and oversee proper SoD enforcement
 - Ability to address risk analysis and remediation, enterprise role management, compliant user provisioning, and super-user access management.
 - Oversight capability of exceptional access.
 - Automation capability for one single source with the starting point at the time of entering a user in the system



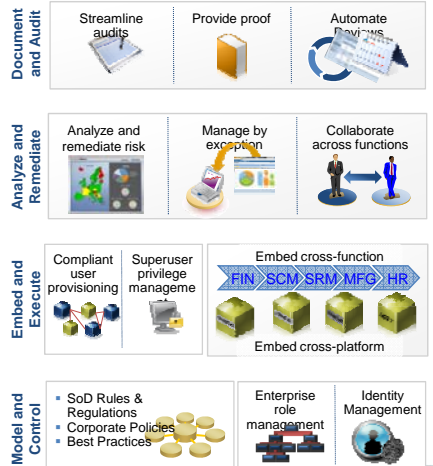
Example of pre-defined rule sets for SoD automation control

Business Process	SODs	Sensitive Access	TOTAL
General Ledger - FI	7	5	12
Controlling - CO	5	-	5
Order to Cash (SD, FI)	54	7	61
Purchasing to Payables (SD, MM, FI)	73	16	89
Inventory (MM)	13	-	13
Production (PP)	3	-	3
Assets (AA)	13	6	19
Projects (PS)	4	-	4
People Management (HR)	29	-	29
General Controls (Basis)	22	13	35
TOTAL	223	47	270



SoD and Access Control Automation Examples

- Depositing cash & reconciling bank statements
- Approving time cards & distributing paychecks
- Preparing an order & distributing paychecks
- Preparing an order & changing a billing document
- Changing an order & creating a delivery
- Creating a journal entry & opening a closed accounting period
- Creating general ledger accounts & posting journal entries
- Maintaining accounts receivable master data & posting receipts
- Maintaining bank account information & posting payments
- Maintaining assets & creating a goods receipts
- Completing goods transfer & adjusting physical inventory counts



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IT GRC

- IT GRC includes technical tools and related policies used to support compliance and risk management efforts:
 - Controls and policy mapping
 - Policy distribution and attestation
 - IT control self-assessment and measurement
 - GRC asset repository
 - Automated general computer control collection
 - Remediation and exception management
 - Basing compliance reporting
 - Advanced IT risk evaluation and compliance dashboarding



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