ISSA | Emerging Technologies for Leaders

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Foreword



Introduction

The securities services industry, along with the broader financial services industry, are witnessing the emergence of several technologies that have the potential to revolutionize traditional processes and reshape the way securities are managed, cleared, settled, and reported.



Technology transformation as engine for growth



- In 2019, **Technology Leaders** in tech adoption and innovation were growing revenues at 2x the speed of tech Laggards.
- Post covid, **Technology Leaders** have moved even further ahead of the pack and have been growing at 5x the rate of Laggards on average



"The Investment in key technologies – such as cloud and AI – helped Leaders not only absorb impact quickly but refocus on growth"

Source: Accenture Sensitivity: C2 Internal

Cloud Computing



Cost-Effective



Scalability Flexibility



Accessibility Availability



Innovation Agility



Disaster Recovery Business Continuity



Reliability Security

Cloud Computing | Cloud based Securities Processing Platform



Security-centric solution offering highly available fault-tolerant service, built on layers of technology that deliver scalability

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Full Asset Servicing

Digitizes the entire trade and asset servicing life cycle across business lines, geographies, assets, and entities

Modular Open Architecture

API-enabled integration supporting new capabilities to drive digital transformation for financial institutions

Global Expertise

Global team of experts delivering solutions to successfully navigate market complexity, support growth and reduce operational risk

Trade Management

Position Management

Security

Corporate Action Management

Cash

Scalability

Full Stack

Management

RegTech



- RegTech solutions leverage technology to streamline compliance processes in the securities services industry by automating compliance monitoring, reporting, and risk assessments.
- RegTech can help securities services providers stay compliant with evolving regulations, reduce risks, and enhance transparency.
- RegTech leverages multiple modern technologies to provide:
 - Streamlined compliance management
 - Increased efficiency
 - Improved Accuracy
 - Internal alignment
 - Better customer Experience

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Benefits of Blockchain

- Immutability & Transparency
- Decentralised
- Round the clock availability
- Use of Smart Contracts

Where are we now?

- Further pilot & experiments
- Technology adoption
- Still some way to go

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Challenges

- Complex technology
- Regulatory Implication
- Implementation challenges
- Competing platforms

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- Tokenization for unlisted companies or private equity funds
- Spot exchange between established currencies and cryptocurrencies on digital exchanges
- Digital custody

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Zero-knowledge proof is a method by which one party (the prover) can prove to another party (the verifier) that a statement is true without revealing any additional information.

The popularity of zero-knowledge proofs in blockchain and crypto is driven by the increasing demand for privacy and security in digital transactions. With the rise of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency, there is a growing need for a way to verify transactions without revealing sensitive information — a need ZKPs can meet.

Only information required for each specific transaction is shared, while all other data remains safely on the server of the trusted provider

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- Unbundling of traditional finance by enabling peer to peer exchanges
- Enabled by decentralised nature of Blockchain
- Mostly build on Ethereum
- Unregulated
- Technology risk, Liquidity risk and Product risk





Hyper Automation | Introduction

Hyper automation is a concept that refers to the use of advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and robotic process automation (RPA), to automate complex business processes

The Path to Hyperautomation





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Hyper Automation | Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

Robotic process automation or RPA is the most common tool used for automation, simply automating fixed and repetitive processes. Automation, unlike AI, uses a simple series of rules (If this = then that) to create relatively simple but reliable results. These pre-programmed rules can encompass structured data (incoming data on interest charts) or unstructured data (forms filled in by hand) to handle digitization, approval, risk flagging, and so on. Many also integrate learning patterns, so that they improve over time based on increasing volumes of data.

Benefits

Lower costs Reduce human error Improve efficiency and user experience Improve compliance and auditing

Challenges

Integration with legacy systems Access to data to fuel automation IT resources and budget Change management

Low/no code RPA

Low-code or no-code is a UI-based approach to software development wherein the users drag and drop and record activities to automate processes, therefore eliminating the dependency on code and coders in application development.

Faster time to market Cost efficient More complex automation Easier integration and maintenance Event based Processing bridge tech resources gap

Hyper Automation | Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ability of machine to imitate human intelligence

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Focuses on how computers understand (Natural Language Understanding- NLU) and Generate (Natural Language Generation – NLG) human language

Machine learning (ML)

Statistical techniques that enable machines to improve at tasks with experience by automatically learning from data: Supervised, unsupervised, semi-supervised or Reinforced Learning

Deep Learning (DL)

Algorithms that mimic human brain to incorporate intelligence into machine by automatically learning from data

Hyper Automation | Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



Hyper Automation | Generative Al

Generative AI refers to a set of machine learning techniques and algorithms that generate new content, such as images, music, text, videos, and other types of media. It is done by learning the structure and patterns in the training data and generating similar data pattern

Generate images from text description or fill gaps in images with using Deep Learning with DALL-E

Generate textual content for a variety of use (articles, conversations, summarization, translation, poetry, etc.) with Large Language Models (LLMs) like ChatGPT Generate Audio: create Music in the style of a given genre, converse verbally, etc.

Generate data to fill gaps in data timeseries

Hyper Automation | LMs & LLMs

Language Model (LM) today are primary statistical and based on advanced machine learning models (Deep Learning) The Model is trained to predict continuation, the next word given a context (a sequence of words).



The new word is added to the context and operation is repeated



LMs are typically on selected set of documents such web pages, books, Wikipedia, source code etc., called corpus

LMs are not new: we leave and experience LLMs everyday though automated answering systems, Alexa, SIRI, google home, dictation software.

Large Language Models (LLMs) are LMs with billions of parameters trained on very large corpus Sensitivity: C2 Internal

Hyper Automation | LMs & LLMs

Today, Large Language Models are available from various organizations (Google, OpenAI, Facebook, Microsoft, DeepMind, etc.)



Hyper Automation | Chat GPT

ChatGPT is made of two main components:

- An LLMs that has been training with human interaction to provide human-like answer to request (prompt)
- Answers depend on how the prompts (requests) are designed

Prompt engineering is a set of techniques to guide LLMs to achieve expected result and reduce chance of errors: giving identity, task description objectives, adding constraints

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ChatGPT uses GPT-3.5/4 as LLMs that is specially aligned for conversations

Text generated by LLMs may suffer from many problems, most notably hallucinations (plausible answers but not rooted in reality or inaccurate answers)



"As CEO, I recognize the impact of high inflation on employee's compensation. To mitigate any negative impact on the company, I will conduct a thorough review of our budget, explore cost-saving measures, and consider implementing a temporary inflation adjustment to ensure our employees are fairly compensated. #faircompensation #inflationmanagement #budgetreview"

Generative AI | Key considerations

- Uncertainty
- Explainability
- Information bias
- Data Privacy
- Ethical considerations

Culture

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AI-generated Drake and The Weeknd song goes viral

Magazine editor sacked over AIgenerated Schumacher interview

The rapid rise of generative AI threatens to upend US patent system

Intellectual property laws cannot handle possibility artificial intelligence could invent things on its own

The Andy Warhol Copyright Case That Could Transform Generative AI

The US Supreme Court's upcoming decision could shift the interpretation of fair use law-and all the people, and tools, that turn to it for protection.

Quantum Computing | Introduction

- Quantum computing is a new type of computing that uses quantummechanical phenomena to perform operations on data
- Quantum computers use quantum bits (qubits) which can exist in multiple states simultaneously, enabling them to perform certain computations much faster than classical computers
- Building and programming quantum computers is extremely challenging, and requires specialized expertise and equipment
- Despite these challenges, significant progress has been made in recent years, and companies and governments around the world are investing in quantum computing research and development
- As quantum computing continues to advance, it will likely have a transformative impact on financial services in several ways:
 - Improved Risk Management
 - Faster Trading and Portfolio optimization
 - Enhanced Cryptography
 - Fraud detection
 - Optimisation of resource allocation



Emerging Technologies for Leaders | Conclusion

- Key for Leaders to understand the technology megatrends
- Significant benefits:
 - Faster and more efficient processes
 - Lower TCO
 - Improved customer experience
 - Drive growth and profitability
- Understand the challenges and needed investments to support successful implementation

Emerging Technologies for Leaders | Conclusion

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Conclusion:

In conclusion, emerging technologies are transforming the Securities Services industry in many ways. From blockchain to artificial intelligence to quantum computing, these technologies are enabling faster, more efficient, and more secure processing of securities transactions and data.

As Securities Services leaders, it is important to stay abreast of these emerging technologies and to explore how they can be used to improve our operations and services. By embracing these technologies, we can enhance our risk management, improve our customer experience, and drive growth and profitability.

However, it is also important to recognize that adopting these technologies can be challenging and requires significant investment in technology, expertise, and infrastructure. It is essential to carefully assess the risks and benefits of each technology and to develop a clear strategy for implementation and adoption.

Ultimately, by embracing emerging technologies and leveraging their benefits, Securities Services leaders can position their organizations for success in an increasingly competitive and dynamic marketplace. Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to working together to realize the full potential of these exciting technologies.