

# IDENTIFYING RED FLAGS: TRANSFORMING AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT APPROACH THROUGH DATA DRIVEN ANALYTICS

# STANDARDS REQUIREMENT - AUDITORS' DNA

**ISSAI 1330** 

The auditor is responsible for planning and implementing an audit approach that is appropriate to the risks identified



**ISSAI 1240** 

The auditor needs to assess whether information obtained from risk assessment procedures and related activities indicates whether there is a significant risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

PwC's 2022

# GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRIME AND FRAUD SURVEY



#### **POINT OF ENTRY**

Digital platforms such as social media, online services, e-commerce opened doors to external fraudster and economic crime risk.

#### PROTECT THE PARAMETER

Identify fraudster exploit – understand end to end process cycle Combine technology, strategy and process to strike proper balance Centralised platforms to orchestrate data and create meaningful alerts

#### MAIN PERPETRATOR

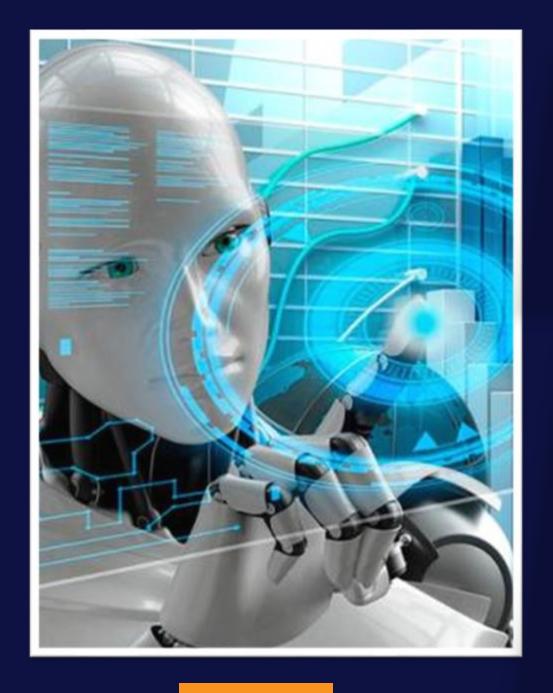
Main perpetrator of the most disruptive or serious fraud experience found rising threats from external perpetrators.



2020: 21%

1,296
EXECUTIVES

53
COUNTRIES
AND
REGIONS



USE CASE

# AUTOMATED FINANCIAL AUDIT RISK ANALYTICS

Data driven analytics to identify risk area which could rise red flag to mitigate risk of fraud, leakage of public fund and malpractices



# **EXCESSIVE**

**Equipment purchased** but not used





# WASTAGE

- Payment made for unimplemented works/unreceived supplies
- Procurement: projects not completed/late completion



# IRREGULAR **PAYMENT**

- Off-contract payments
- Deceased person

# RM3.068 bil/ USD0.69 mil



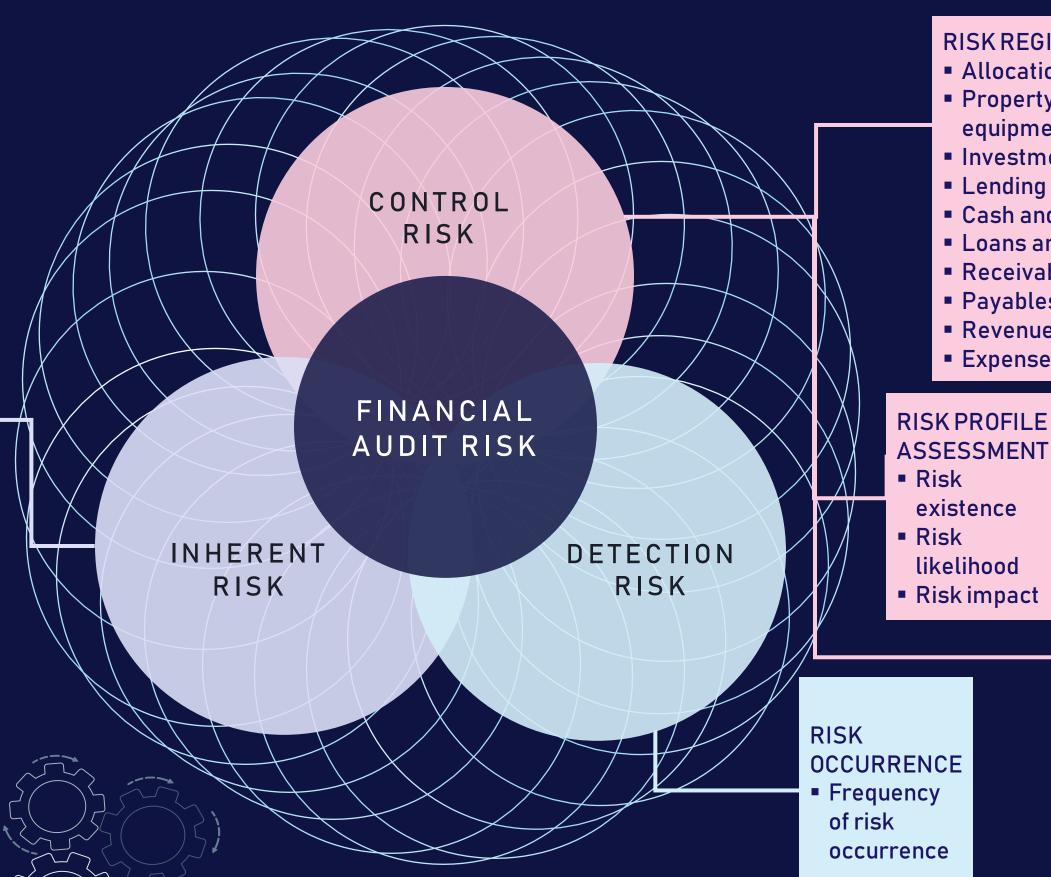
# LEAKAGE OF PUBLIC FUND

Uncollected revenues

### **AUDIT RISK** MODEL

#### **RISK FACTORS**

- Financial stability and external factors
- Organisational structure
- System and infrastructure
- Laws and regulations
- Previous unresolved and current issues
- Accounting and transactions
- Policies and internal control processes
- Enterprise risk assessment



#### **RISK REGISTER**

- Allocation
- Property, plant and equipment
- Investment
- Cash and bank balances
- Loans and advances
- Receivables
- Payables
- Revenue
- Expenses

# **ASSESSMENT**

#### **CONTROL RISK ASSESSMENT**

- Establish controls towards identified risk
- Auditors' confidence level towards established controls
- Significant risk of misstatement due to fraud
- Level of control risk

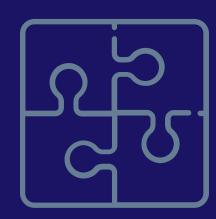
# TRADITIONAL APPROACH - PREVIOUS PRACTICE

# Excel workbook data analysis

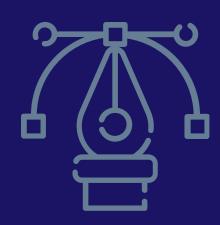


Manual data input

# Comprehensive working paper



Time consuming, less efficient



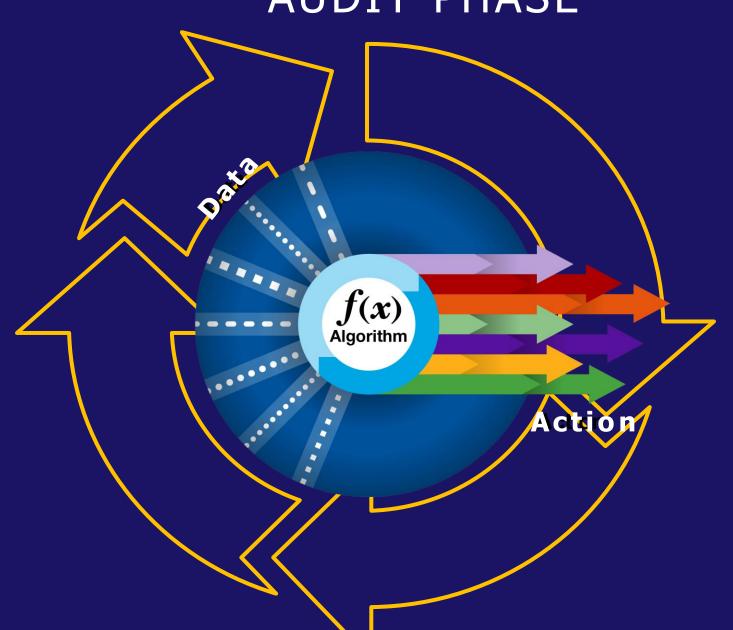
Decentralised analysis results

## AUDIT RISK TRANSFORMATION

# DATA DRIVEN ANALYTICS APPROACH

INNOVATING HOLISTIC PLATFORM ACROSS DEPARTMENT

# **AUDIT PHASE**



- Dynamic Cycle
- Risk area revisited

**Planning** 

**Execution** 

Insight

# DATA DRIVEN ANALYTICS APPROACH

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# TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES USED



**VBA Macros** 



ACL Analytics



SSMS
Microsoft SQL
Server
Management
Studio



Business Intelligence Tools

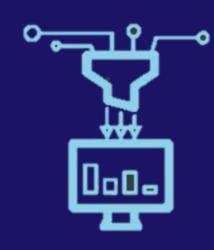
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# BENEFITS OF USING INTELLIGENCE ANALYTICS







Greater confidence in risk analytics



Informed decision for automated professional judgement through machine learning



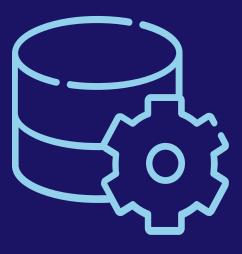
# DATA DRIVEN ANALYTICS APPROACH INNOVATING HOLISTIC PLATFORM ACROSS DEPARTMENT

# BENEFITS OF USING INTELLIGENCE ANALYTICS



Reduce time to reconcile data

Technology driven for convenient user interface



Holistic approach of centralised data warehouse for better insights



Efficient data management to enable advance analytics

DIGITAL

# MACHINE LEARNING — HOW TO TEACH AN INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHM TO THINK LIKE AN AUDITOR

EXPLORATION
Architecture and technologies

DATA DRIVEN ANALYTICS AUTOMATION
Continuous
auditing and
augmented data
patterns

INTELLIGENCE
COMBINED
Auditors' professional
judgement and machine
artificial intelligence

HOLISTIC APPROACH Centralised disparate data and technologies for audit tools and techniques

