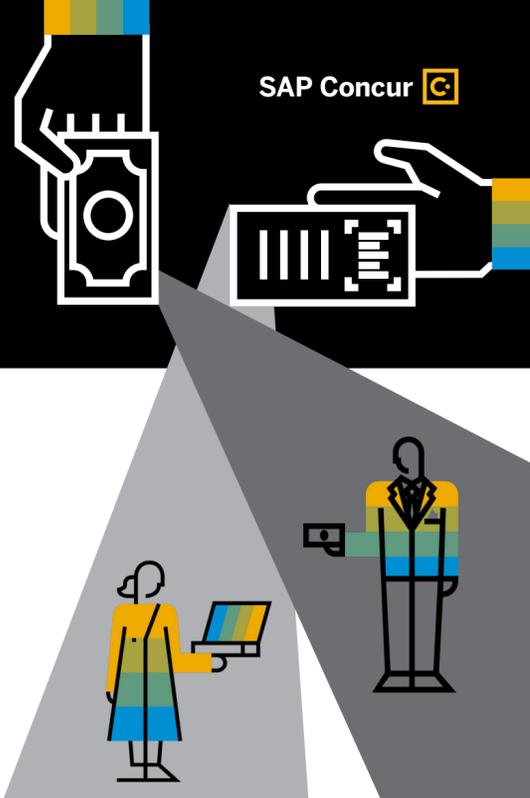


Finance and IT Working Together

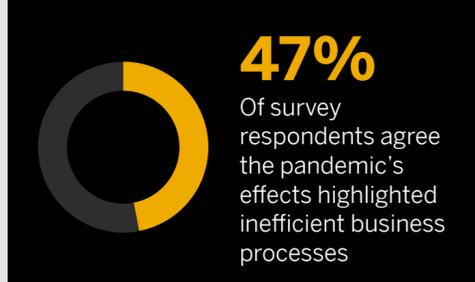
The critical need to partner for success in the new world of work

As organizations face the post-pandemic era, they are grappling with big changes to their operations and processes, while strategizing for future success. Finance and IT leaders are uniquely positioned to work together to help their organizations build the infrastructure needed to succeed in an ever-more connected world.

According to recent Oxford Economics research, this is the great opportunity and challenge facing IT and finance executives today.



The challenges of the pandemic, from remote work to drastic changes in customer demand to supply-chain difficulties, accelerated the need to digitally transform processes.



Finance and IT professionals recognize the big benefits that automating expense and invoice management may bring:

Increased process efficiency and productivity

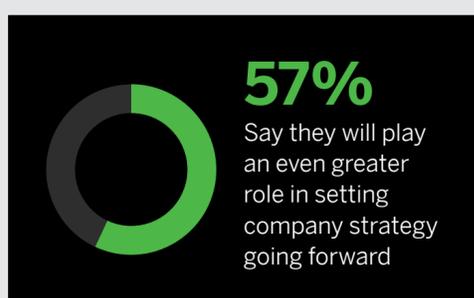
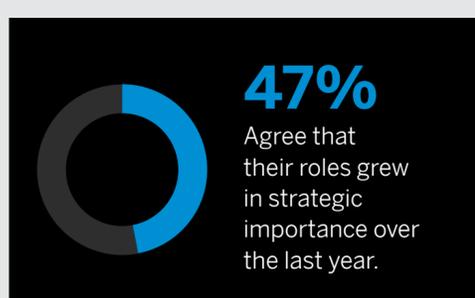
Increased visibility into company spending

Better cash flow management

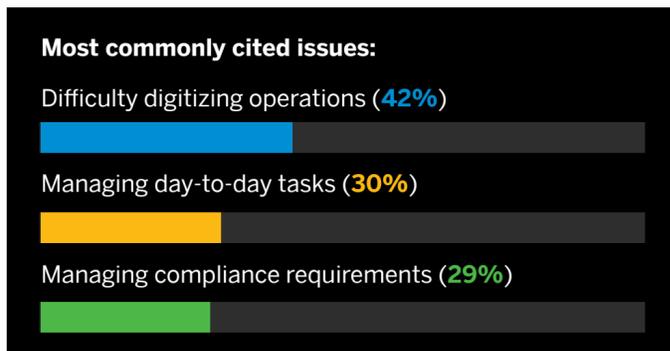
Increased organizational agility and resiliency

Increased functional collaboration

Finance and IT are the natural leaders for these initiatives.



But the road to adopting new technology appears to be rocky.



Finance and IT need to work better together to lead their organizations through these challenges.

Fewer than 50%
Agree that the other was a key strategic partner during the pandemic

Only about 1/3
Of finance executives say they have a unified strategy with IT to support business expansion.

Three ways Finance and IT can bring lasting change to digital transformation efforts:

- 01 Take the long view.**
Use the recent disruptions as an opportunity to redefine strategy and reorganize operations in a permanent and meaningful way.
- 02 Collaborate.**
Working together, Finance and IT can drive organizational strategy, while meeting their respective operational goals.
- 03 Leverage technology to adapt to business change.**
Using cloud, mobile, and AI technologies to automate processes like expense and invoice management is increasingly the foundation of a solid technology infrastructure.



Take the automation next step

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Download the Oxford Economics Think Piece report, *Leadership in a new era: How finance and IT leaders are guiding post-pandemic strategy*, for full research findings.

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