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Balancing Innovation with Control: Accounting Workflow Automation That Survives an Audit



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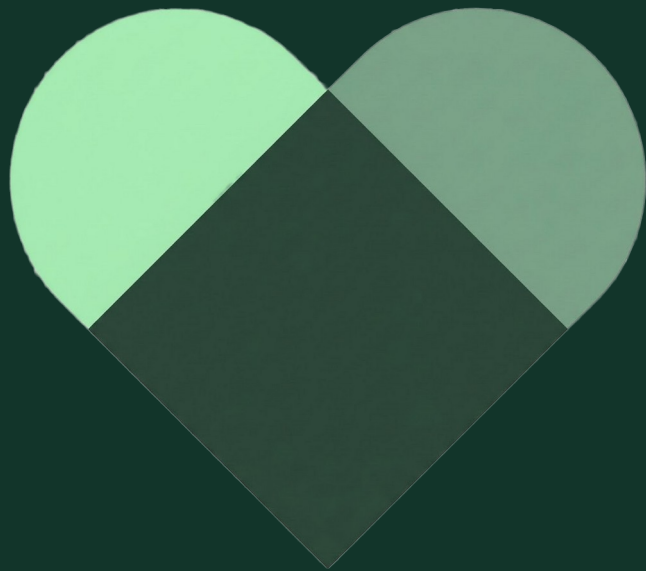


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AI

A cautionary
tale from a
middle-aged
accountant



Agenda

- 01 The Reality of AI
- 02 What are Automated Accounting Workflows?
- 03 Why Accountants are more valuable in 2026
- 04 Success Stories

01

The Reality of AI

AI isn't new

Overnight success after 70 years

Artificial Intelligence started on 18th June, 1956 at Dartmouth College

Accelerated over the last number of years, driven by advances in:

- Software
- Hardware
- Information (i.e. the Internet)
- A chatbot (ChatGPT)

Accounting started around 5000 BC



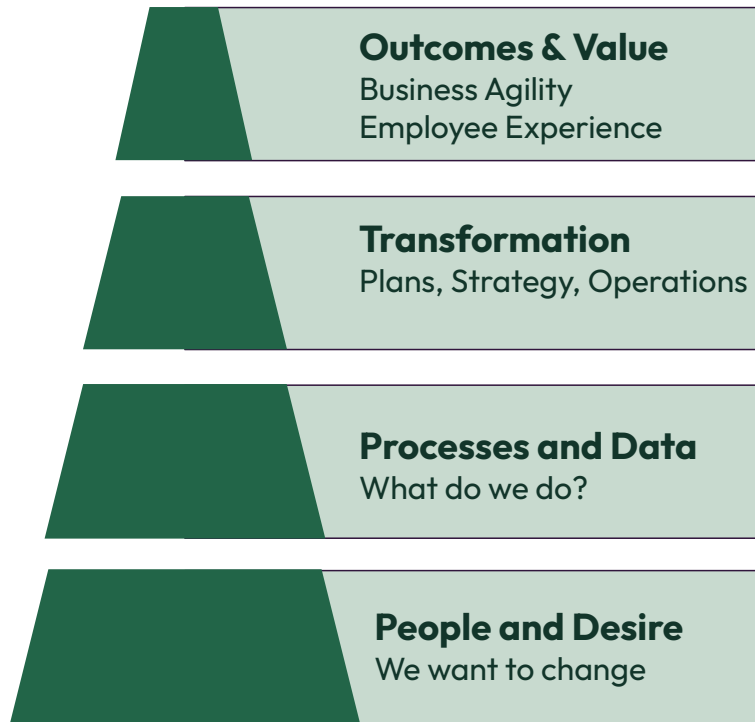
The Finance Transformation Paradox

The Complexity Ceiling

AI innovation clashes with accounting non-negotiables

- Process
- Control
- Auditability

Manual processes and data fragmentation across disparate ERPs stifle innovation



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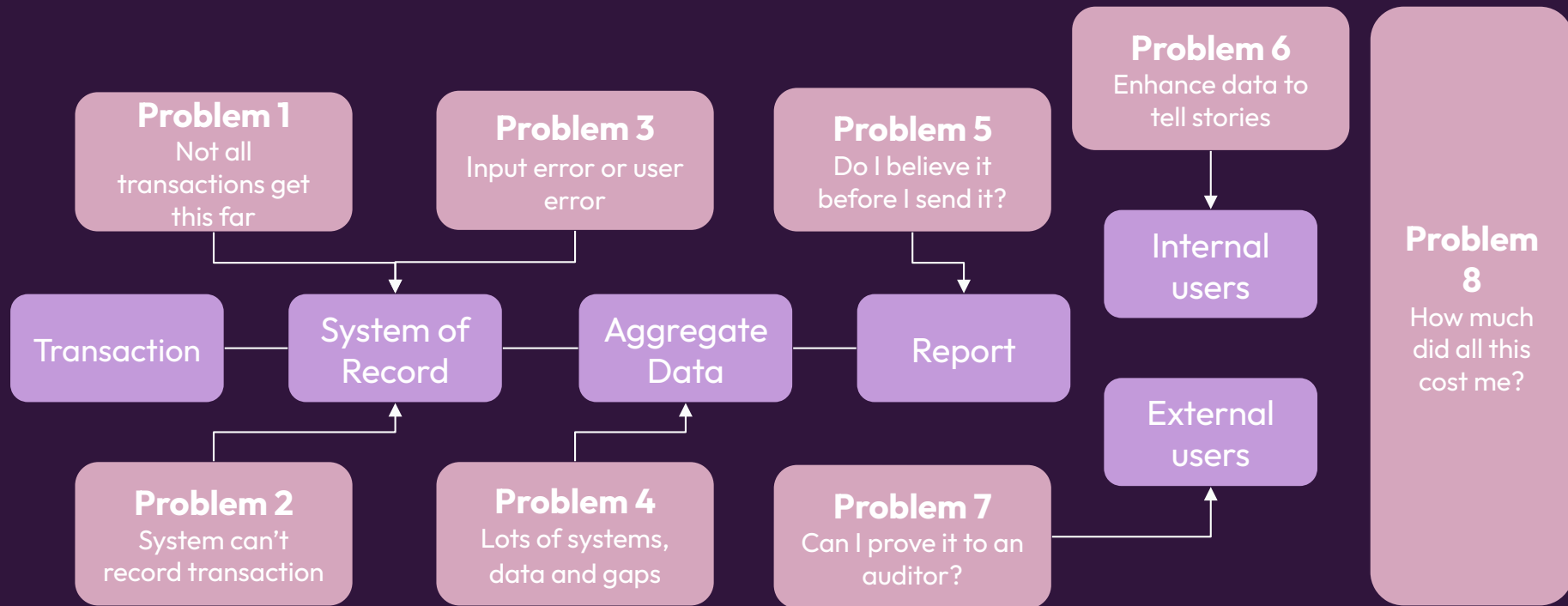
What are Automated Accounting Workflows?

Before that...

What is Accounting?

Accounting is simple

Things happen, record them, add them all up, job done!



Automate Accounting Workflows

The next evolution of finance operations, where AI, workflow automation, and human oversight work together to create faster, more efficient, and more scalable accounting processes

Three Strategic Pillars



Innovation

Moving beyond legacy systems to systems that understand accounting logic and exception handling.



Control

Establishing a global standard of truth across regions and disparate ERP landscapes.



Auditability

Ensuring every automated action is transparent, documented, and ready for internal and external review.

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Why Accountants are more valuable in 2026

AI isn't new

Fundamental principles remain

Review and Oversight

Critical Thinking

Managing Exceptions

COSO Framework for Effective Internal Control over
Generative AI

- AI can be confidently wrong
- Who will be the "Enron" or "Wirecard" of the AI Generation?



Unburdening Talent & Human Potential

From Processors to Governors

- Talent gap remains an issue
 - The Instagram generation wants to work with the right tools
- Talent transitions into **Strategic Advisors** and **Data Governors**
 - Exception management
 - Value creation
 - Business insights



Solving the "Auditability" Gap

Eliminating the Black Box

Moving towards a more complex audit environment

Challenge for the auditors and the auditees

Autonomous accounting tools must self-document every reconciliation and variance explanation to ensure auditors have immediate, secure evidence



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Success Stories

Created by accountants, for accountants

FloQast offers Accounting Workflow Automation

Founded:

2013

by two former accountants

Accounting DNA:

~80%

of customer-facing FloQasters are accountants

Regions:

NA, EMEA, APAC

Users in 170+ countries, 6 continents

2025 Major Product Releases:

55+

modules/features released monthly

2026 Investing:

35%+

of revenue into product (SaaS avg. 20-25%)

Total Customers:

3,500+

Enterprise Customers:

850+



AI Agents that automate work done in financial close and compliance

FloQast

The FloQast Digital Backbone



01

Universal
Connectivity

Seamlessly integrate with any ERP to provide a single workspace for global finance operations.



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Real-time
Progress

Track the status of every reconciliation, checklist, and control in real time at a global level.

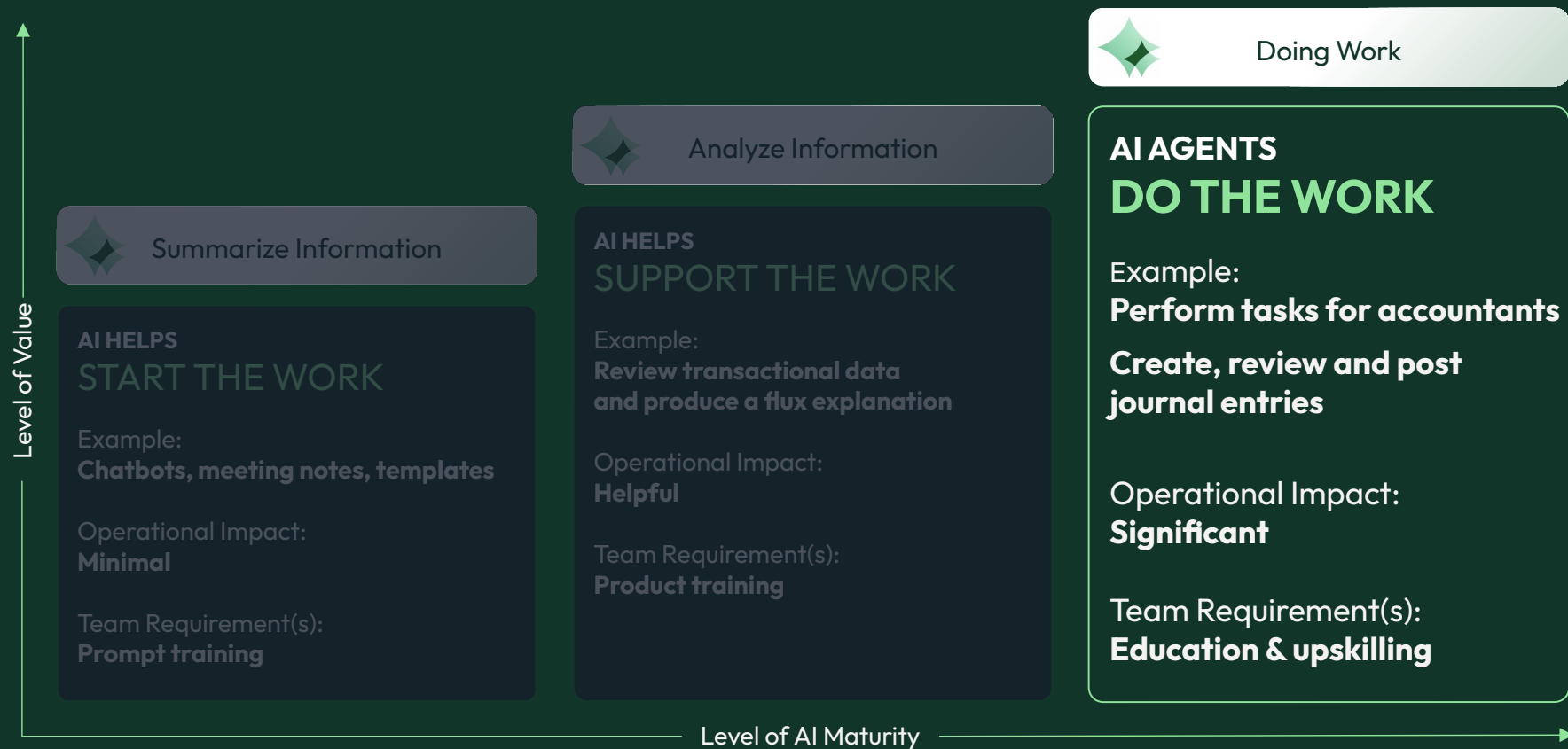


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Built-in
Compliance

Automatically capture the documentation and sign-offs required to satisfy rigid audit standards.

The AI Maturity Curve in Finance



Deployed Agents

Balance Sheet Agents

Capitalization Agents

Accruals and Provision Agents

Intercompany Agents

Inventory Agents

Agents for Complex Calculations

P&L Agents

Revenue Recognition Agents

Payroll Agents

Allocation Agents

Leasing Agents

Analysis Agents

Operational Agents

Data Normalization Agents

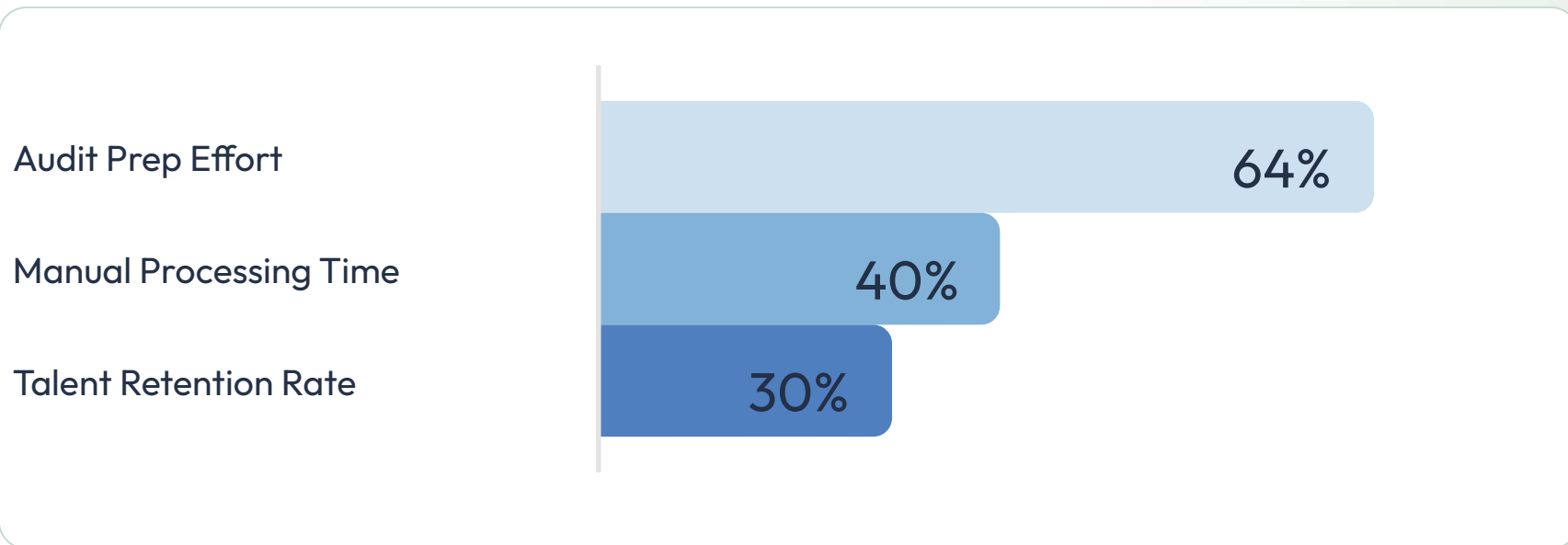
Cash Flow Agents

Industry Specific Agents

External Reporting Agents

Audit and Compliance Agents

Impact on Strategic Value



"Autonomous accounting allows finance to stop managing tasks and start orchestrating outcomes."

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