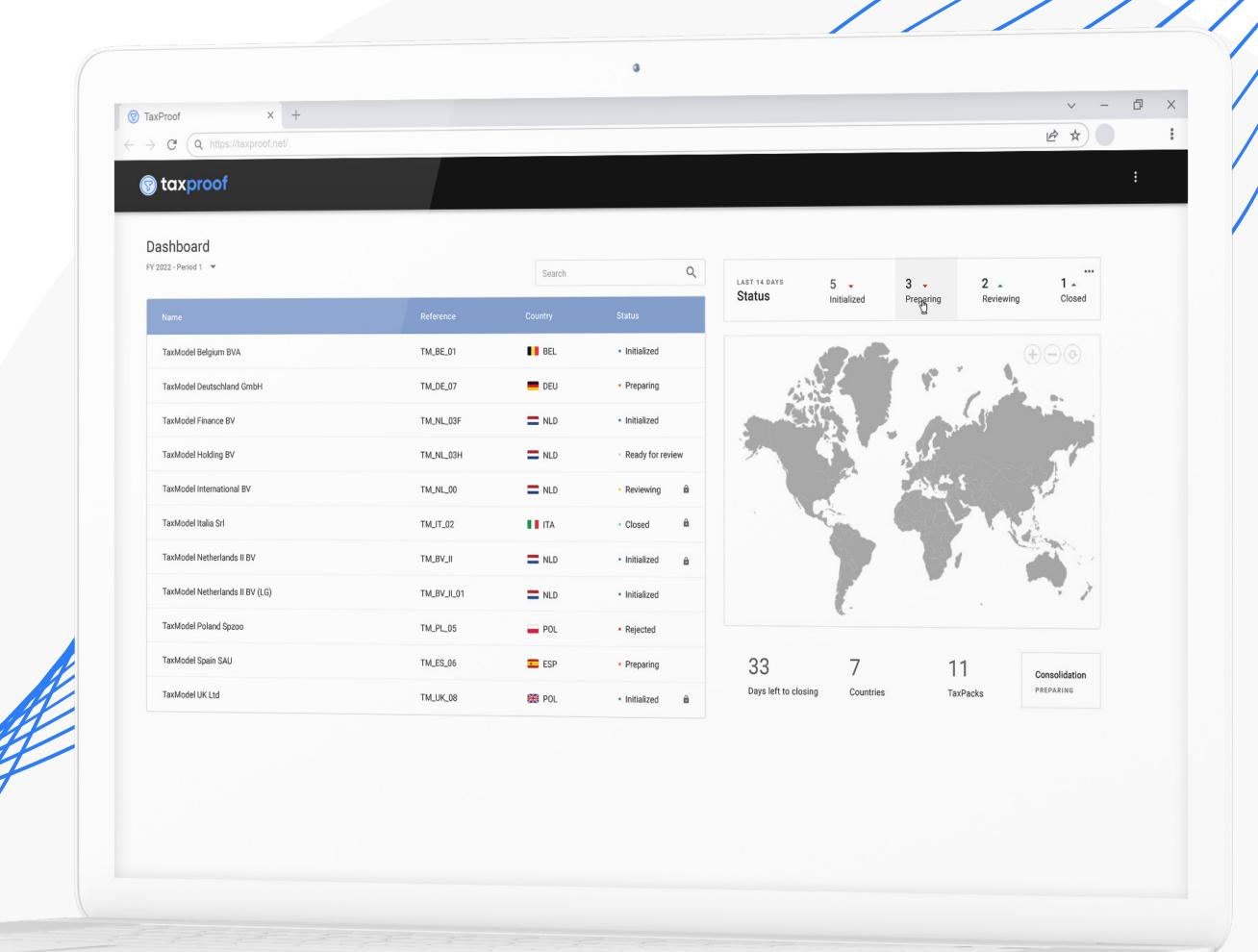
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How to solve the "pains" of the tax accounting process?



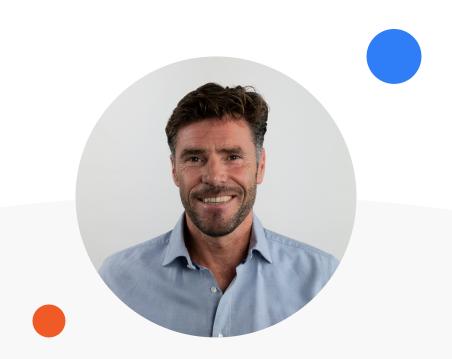
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### Agenda

- **Deep dive 1** | What are the typical "pains" and "needs" in the tax accounting process of an MNE?
- **Deep dive 2** | How do we respect the current tax accounting organization while improving the controls, speed, and quality?
- Deep dive 3 | What makes sense to automate, semi-automate, outsource, and what not to?
- Deep dive 4 | How TaxProof can assist in your journey to establish a solid tax accounting framework and prepare for Pillar 2





The new international tax landscape forces multinationals to reorganise to get a better grip on their tax accounting processes in terms of people, process and systems...

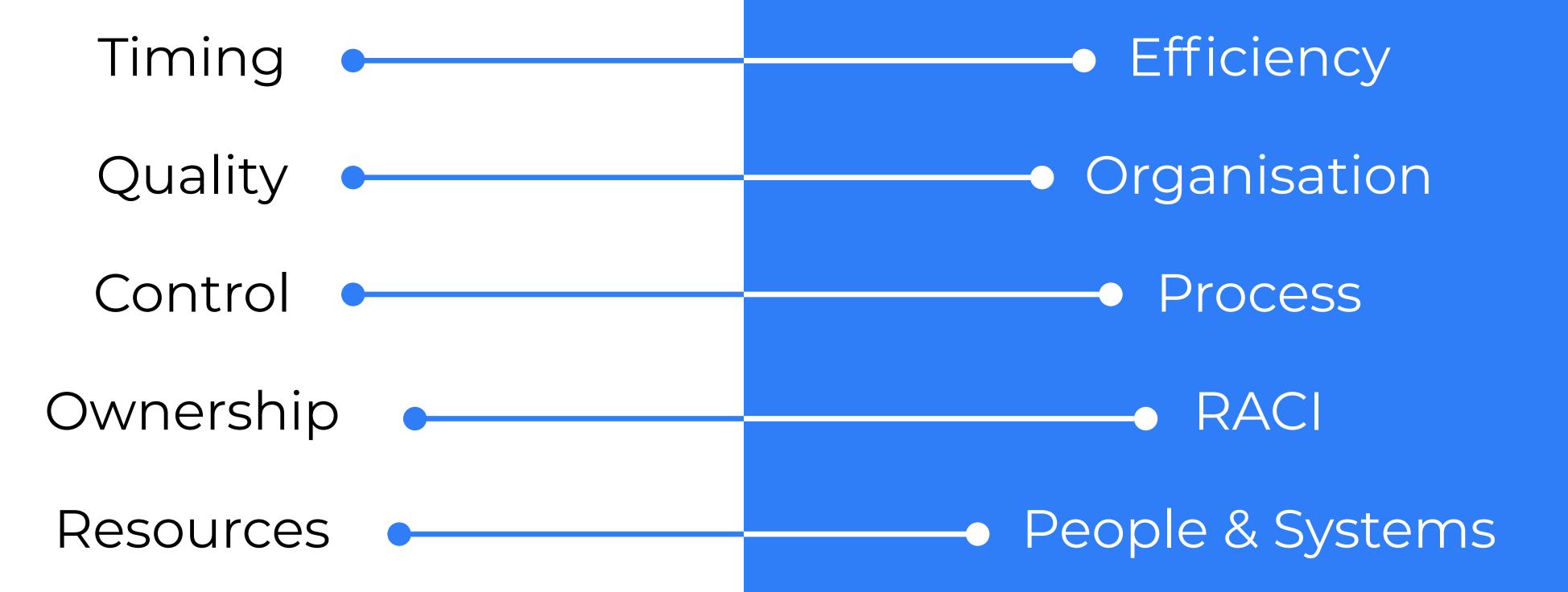
## Deep Dive 1 Pains vs. Neds





### Pains

### Needs



## Deep Dive 1: Pains Timing





## Where do constraints come from?



- Tax return deadlines (Return to Provision)
- Tax reporting last in line in the reporting process
- Last minute review requests from auditors (Transfer Pricing, Distributions, UTPs, etc.)
- Pillar 2 current tax impact analysis / accelerated CbCR analysis





## Where is time lost?

- Manual financial and tax data collection
- Absent or poor tax reporting process
- Manual (and individual) build of (low quality) tax schedules
- Complexity / user unfriendly tax packs
- Manual tax consolidation
- Manual build disclosure notes
- Lack of audit trails / trouble understanding tax position



## Deep Dive 1: Pains Quality





# Where do we see the biggest quality issues?

- Inadequate internal controls and processes
- Absence of (compliant) tax packs or inadequate tax schedules
- Where tax departments are not involved in the tax accounting process
- Inadequate reconciliation of tax provisions
- Misunderstanding of tax base calculations
- DTA recognition errors
- Inaccurate valuation allowances
- Lack of documentation and support for judgments made
- Complexity in accounting for UTPs





# Why do we see quality issues?

- Poor organization / process
- No dedicated resources and systems
- Responsible, accountable, consulted, and informed model not (clearly) defined
- Lack of training
- Lack of audit trails
- Organization does not recognize the importance of quality



### Deep Dive 1: Pains Control







# What are the symptoms of a lack of control?

- Lack of reconciliation between accounting and tax records
- Lack of adequate review processes
- Insufficient training or expertise in tax laws and accounting standards
- Poor data management and integrity
- Lack of sponsors, ownership, and effective communication
- Insufficient or outdated technology and systems



### What are the risks of a lack of control?

- Inefficiencies / delays
- Errors / mistakes
- Audit risks
- Increase in tax costs (e.g. top-up tax)
- Reputational damage





## Deep Dive 1: Pains Ownership





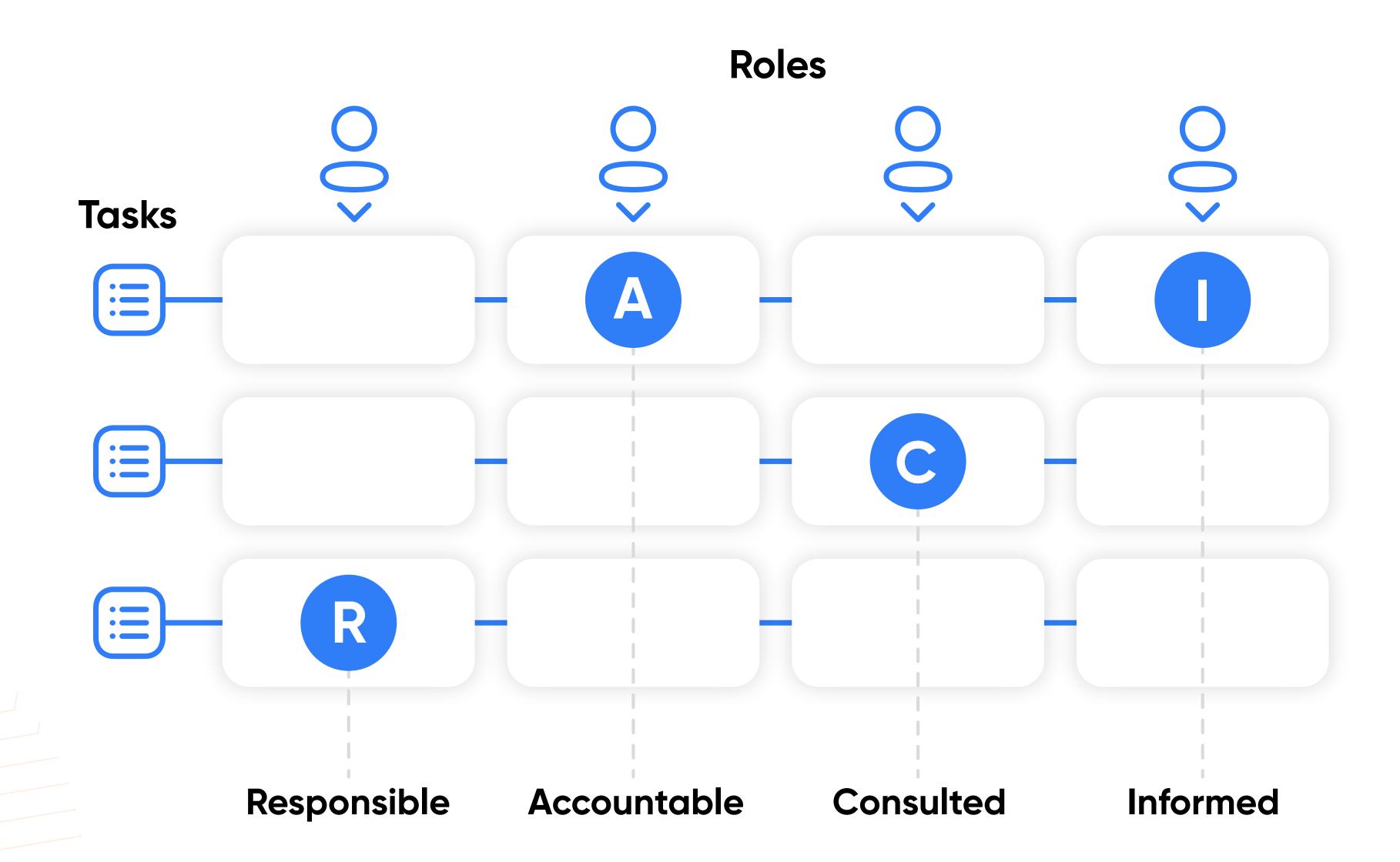
# Who are the actors in the tax accounting process?

- CFO
- Head of reporting
- Group Accounting / HQ <-> Local
- Tax department
- Sub-contractors / advisors
- Auditors





### The RACI model





	CFO (Sponsor)	Head of Reporting	Consolidation Manager	Group Accounting (HQ)	Group Accounting (Local)	Tax Department	External Advisors	Auditors
Define Tax Strategy	A					R	C	1
Oversee Financial Reporting Process	A	R						1
Manage Consolidation Process		R	R	C	C			1
Prepare HQ Financial Statements		C	A	R				1
Coordinate Local Financial Reporting		C	С	A	R			1
Develop Tax Compliance Procedures						A	С	I
Prepare Tax Calculations and Returns				C	C	R	C	1
Advise on Tax Planning and Strategies						С	A	1
Audit Financial Statements		C	C	C	C	C		A
Handle External Tax Audits						A	R	1
Implement Tax Optimization Strategies	A					R	C	1
Monitor Changes in Tax Laws and Regulations				C	С	A	C	1
Ensure Compliance with Tax Laws	A			C	С	R	С	1
Liaise with Tax Authorities						A	R	1
Review and Approve Tax Filings	A	R		С	C	R	С	1
Provide Tax Reporting Training and Support		C	C	R	R	A	C	1

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## Deep Dive 1: Pains Resources





# What are the typical constraints around people?

- Skill shortages
- Training and development
- Workload / peak season
- High turnover
- Succession planning





# What are typical constraints around systems?

- Budget limitations
- Technological infrastructure is absent or outdated
- Most activities around data collection, assessment, and reporting are manual
- Complexity of tools for preparers
- Time to implement / change management



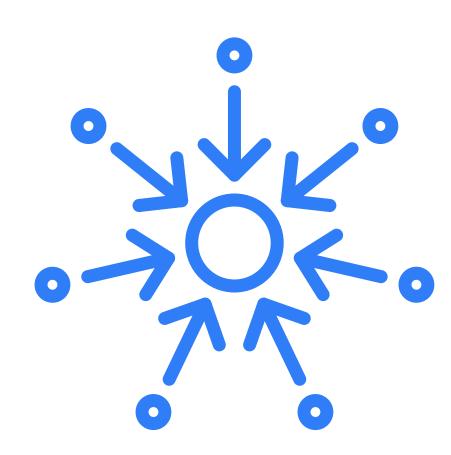
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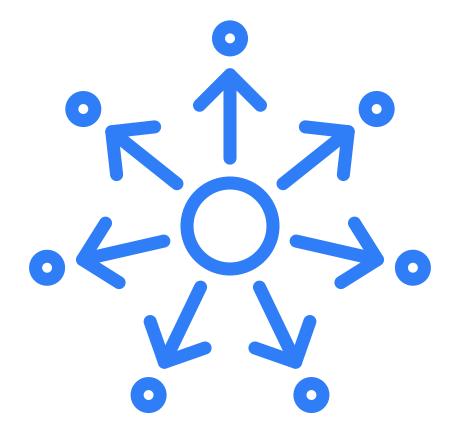




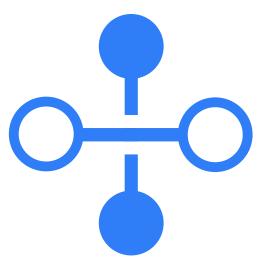
### Types of tax accounting organisations







**Decentralized** 



Hybrid

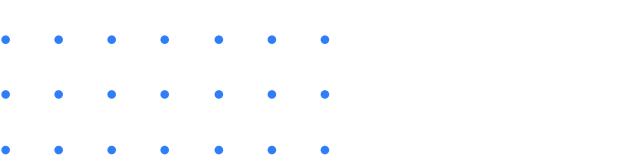




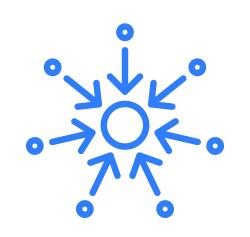
### All tax accounting organisations.... Align with existing reporting structure

- Work with existing people resources
- Improve controls
- Improve speed
- Improve quality









## Centralised tax accounting organisations

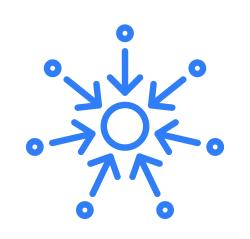


**Improve** controls

 Automate identification and translate P&L and B/S tax sensitive items





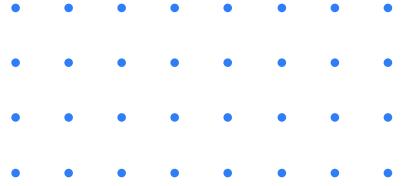


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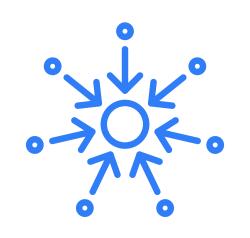


- Automate permanent and temporary difference mapping
- Possibility for Trial Balance uploads and automatic mapping
- Possibility for bulk import tax data









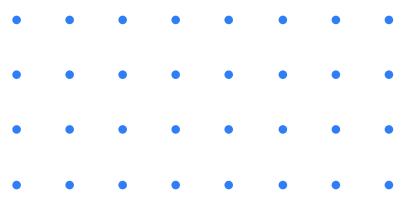
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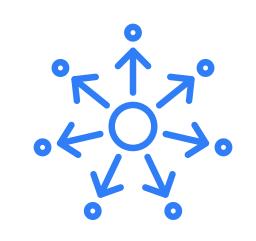
Improve Quality

- Automate insights / oversights in reconciliations
- Automate RtP
- Automate tax consolidation

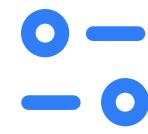








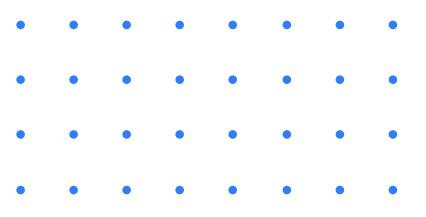
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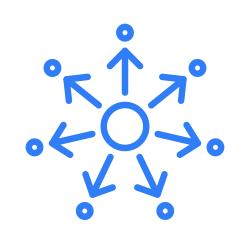
**Improve** controls

- Automate identification and translate P&L and B/S tax sensitive items
- Allow HQ / tax department to view status and progress tax reporting performed locally
- Enforce audit trails









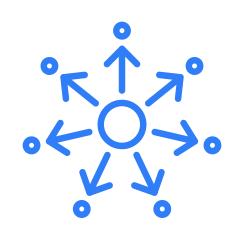
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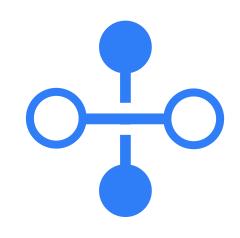


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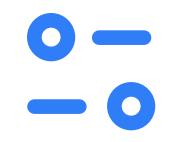
- Enforce consistency
- Bring knowledge
- Automated insights / oversights in status, owners, reconciliations
- Enforce audit trails







## Hybrid tax accounting organisations

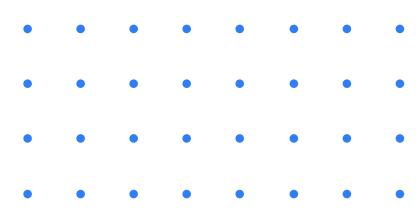


### **Improve** controls

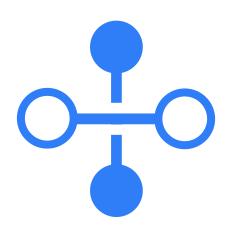
### Get rid of error prone and complex Excels

- Automate identification and translate P&L and B/S tax sensitive items
- HQ / tax department can monitor status and manage progress tax reporting performed locally
- Enforce audit trails









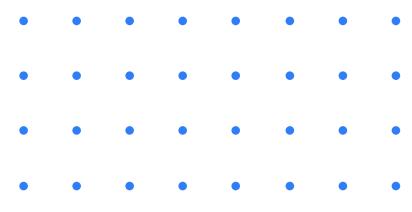
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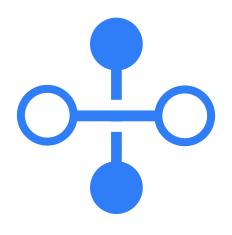
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- Possibility for Trial Balance uploads and automatic mapping
- Automate tax consolidation









## Hybrid tax accounting organisations



- Get rid of error prone, complex, and legacy Excels
  - Enforce consistency
  - Automated insights / oversights in status, owners, reconciliations
  - Enforce audit trails



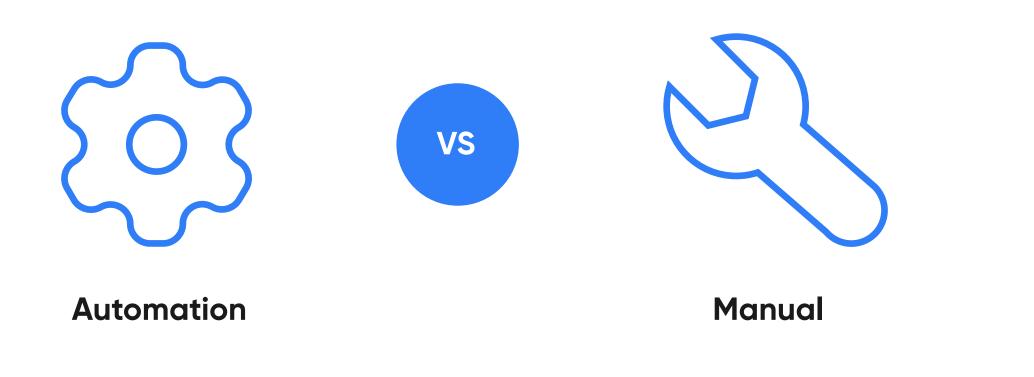


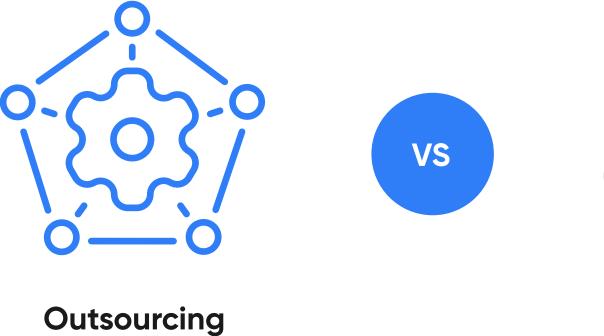
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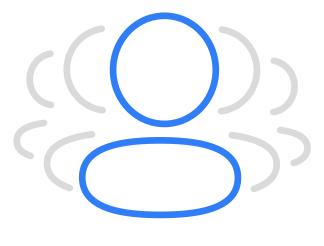




# What makes sense to (semi-)automate, outsource, and what not to?





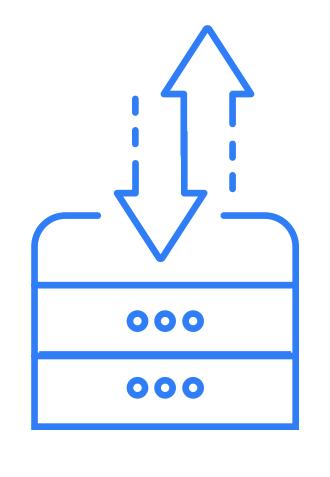








### **Automation or Manual?**







Data Assessment



**Data Reporting** 





### Data collection

### Financial Data Import

### **Trial Balances**

- Consolidated financials (e.g. IFRS)
- Local GAAP -> only if bridge accounts exist with consolidated financials

### Tax Data Import

### Centralised tax accounting organisation

 Centralised knowledge of book-tax differences -> bulk import





### Data assessment

### Financial data

- Data mapping tax sensitive TB accounts using AI
- Relevant tax accounts in general ledger -> financial check

### **User Data**

Change Log

### Tax data

- Return to provision
  - Domestic tax software (e.g. Alphatax)
  - Global tax return outsourcing (e.g. Big 4, Mid 4)
- Access to tax (accounting) knowledge
- Audit trail
- Automated full tax calculation in line with local tax laws is not possible (yet) although future versions of Al may change this





### Data re-/exporting

### Financial data

- Notes to the consolidated financial statements
- Reporting tax packs and consolidation to auditors

### Tax data

- Tax packs
- Tax consolidation
- Tax status reporting
- Pillar 2 relevant data
- Data analytics





### Semi automate or Fully automate



### Pros:

### **Excel as interface**

1. Costs2. Time to implement3. Flexibility4. Accessibility



### Pros:

### API

Error reduction
 Real time data access
 Integration depth
 Reliability





## Outsourcing vs. Insourcing Considerations

### Clear understanding of the company's specific needs and challenges

- Efficiency / costs
- Quality and controls
- Financial exposure (e.g. Pillar 2)
- Resources (people and/or systems)





### Outsourcing vs. Insourcing Considerations

Careful evaluation of potential outsourcing partners vs. in-house team capabilities

- Extension of your in-house team
- Bringing expertise
- Efficiency
- Strategic value
- Level of automation / standardization





## Tax Reporting | Deep Dive 3: Outsourcing vs. Insourcing Considerations

## Management and integration outsourced services with in-house activity





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