

# Using Robotic Automation to Refocus the Customer Journey at UNUM

**Process Effectiveness** 



# Agenda

#### **Automation Overview**

- Who is Unum?
- What is Robotics Process Automation
- Process Automation Spectrum
- Industry perspective on 'Future of Operations work'

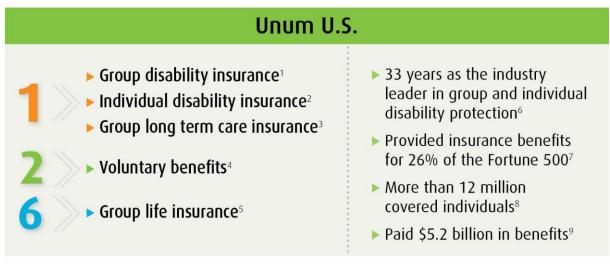
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- Strategy
- Automation Journey so far
- Automation Milestone achieved
- Key Lessons Learned
- Automation Roadmap



## Who We Are

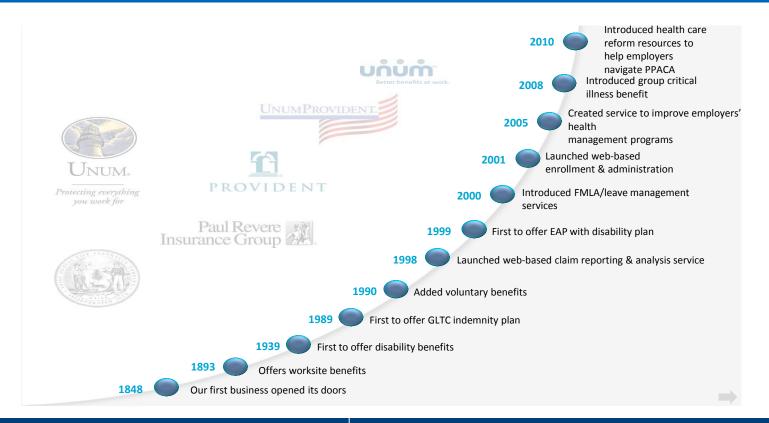
Unum is a market leader in group and individual disability benefits in the U.S., and is one of the largest providers of group life and voluntary workplace benefits.



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# Unum: More Than 165 Years of Leadership and Innovation





### What is Robotic Process Automation?

#### **Overview**

- Software that mimics human actions
- Interacts with multiple applications in a "noninvasive" manner
- Integration at the Presentation Layer
- Automated data entry through UI
- Executes rule-based and repetitive transactional processes

#### view Process Selection Criteria

- Digitized Inputs with limited human intervention
- Structured, rules-based, repeatable, computer based tasks
- Prone to error or re-works with limited need for exceptions
- Performing decisions and algorithms
- Need to access multiple systems
- Fluctuating workloads and volumes with long AHTs



Pre-checks & Rules Validation for New Business



Addition of new functionality or process module that requires system rebuild or manual hiring / re-skilling



'Dirty' interfaces – data transferred between applications that are not integrated



Multiple sources of data input for business reporting & analytics



Manual checking, decisions and calculations that follow preset rules with no judgment involved



# Why Automation?

## **Candidates for Basic Automation**

- Repeatable tasks with defined criteria
- Input to legacy systems
- Matching values
- Computations
- Copy toggle paste
- Searching for data
- Few steps with high frequency
- Same search in many places

Source of 50%+ of resource time
Generates 80%+ errors

# **Candidates for Cognitive Computing**

- Tasks that require judgment, analysis or critical thinking
- Conversing with another person
- Interpreting an image
- Interpreting free form text
- Ill-defined process
- Infrequent actions
- Ad-hoc work

Work that adds value and enables legendary customer service



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End-to-end robotic solutions and integrate systems

### "Bridge" solutions

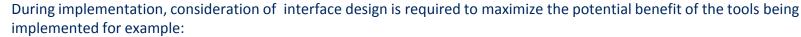
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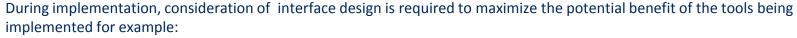
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- Processes due for significant future re-engineering in a strategic programme
- Orchestrating processes across "wrapped" and "service enabled" systems using BPM tools
- Use of new digital services to avoid major integration costs until service is proven and scaling
- ■E.G.: auto-enrolment processes



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- Repetitive, well defined tasks in a rules-driven processes
- Tasks with significant re-keying of data across multiple applications and data sources
- "No-shoring" of previously off-shored processes
- E.G.: Bulk Transfers of data in / out, interfaces between applications



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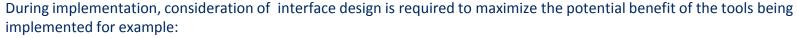
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- E.G.: enabling self-services with automated feeds through to legacy systems BPM tool pushes work through with robots picking up workflow and moving data between systems



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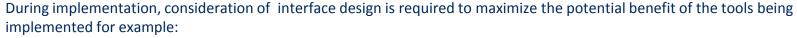
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# Fully Integrated & Automated

### **Business Process solutions**

BPM solutions to implement process automation where all associated "services" are available

- End-to-end process automation across modern, service-enabled systems, Cognitive solutions
- Significant re-engineering of process to enable benefits not available through robotics
- E.G.: Centralise workflows between applications to improve data accuracy and control



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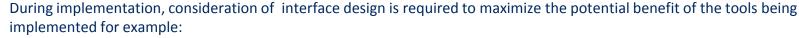
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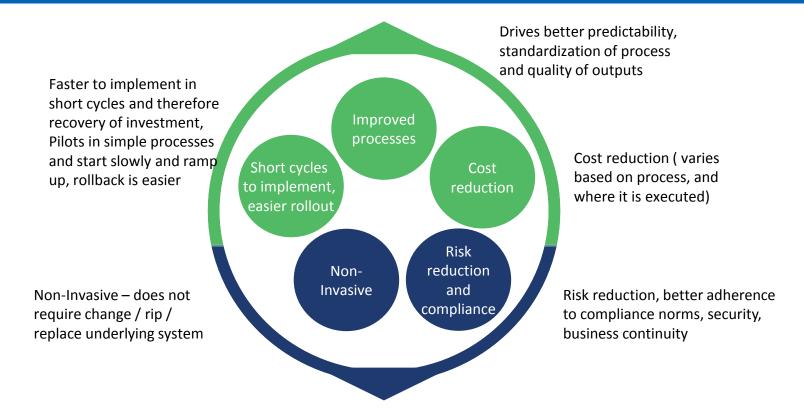
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# **Unum Journeys**



# Why Automation is Relevant in Today's Context?





# Why Automation? Why Now?



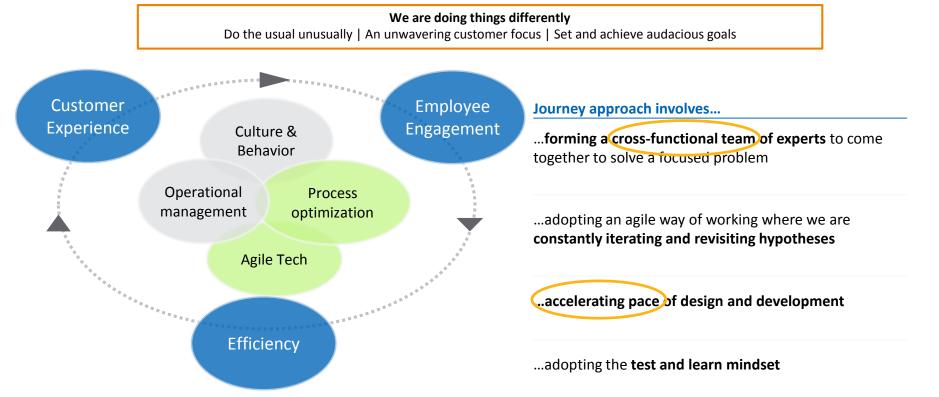
- Renewed commitment to customer service and ease in a changing marketplace
- Framed in context of customer journeys

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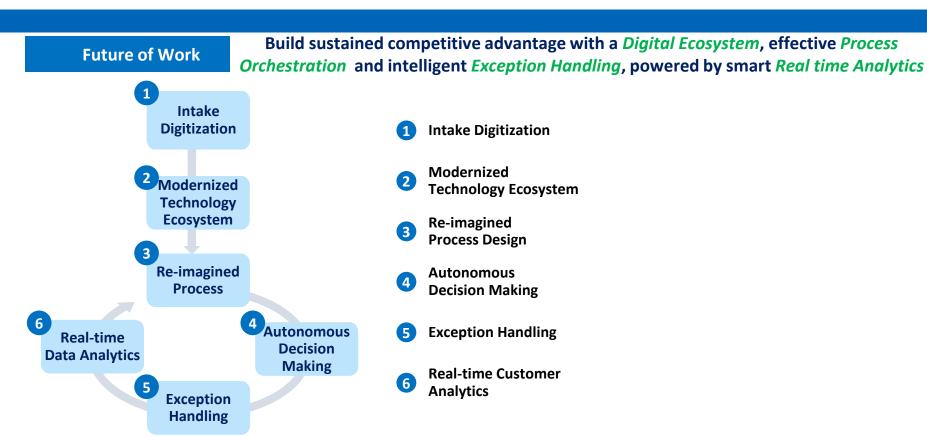
- . . . A **defining experience** for a customer
- ... anchored in **how customers think,** not the way functional silos do
- . . . an **evolution in thinking over traditional** approach
- Close partnership between business and IT to really challenge the way we do business



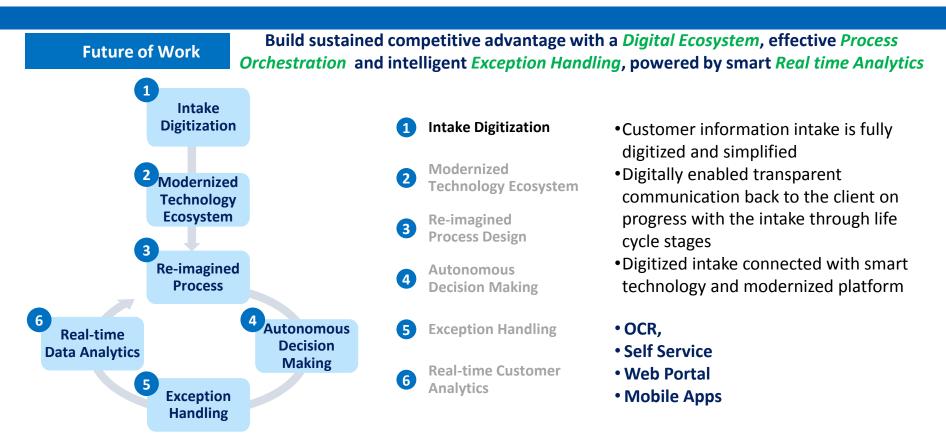
# How Do We Approach A "Journey"?



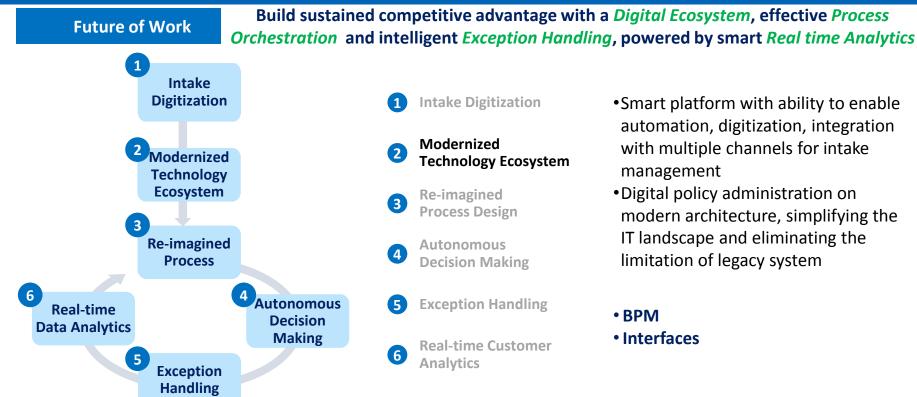






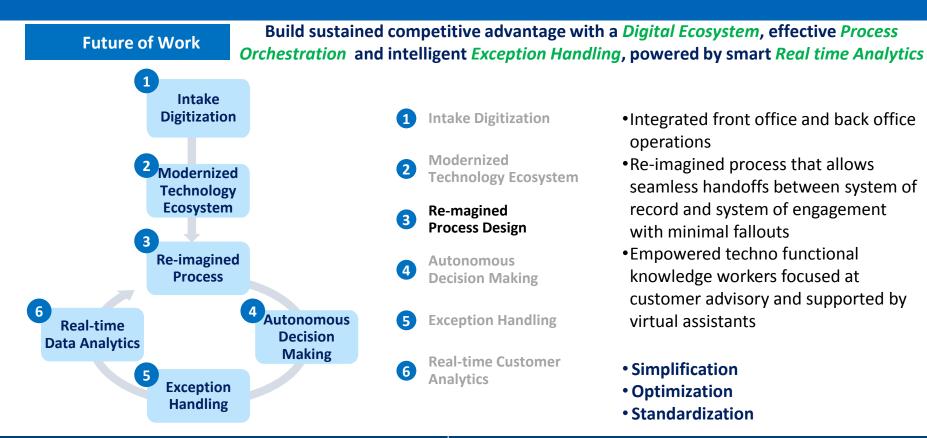




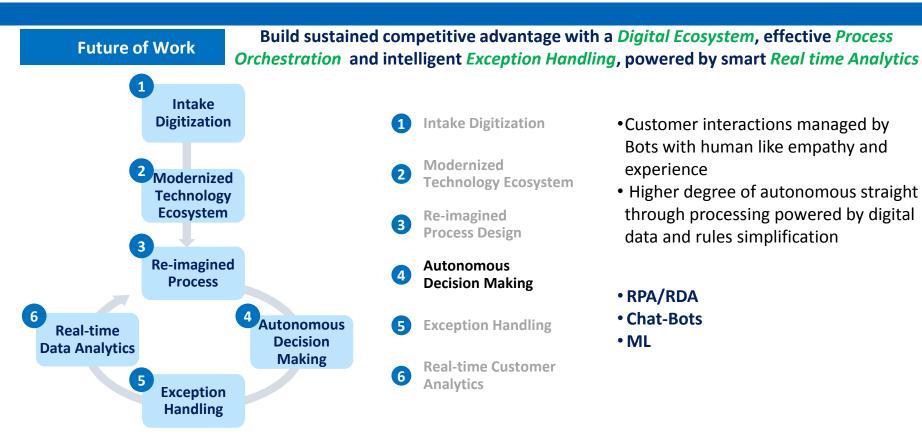


- •Smart platform with ability to enable automation, digitization, integration with multiple channels for intake management
- Digital policy administration on modern architecture, simplifying the IT landscape and eliminating the limitation of legacy system
- BPM
- Interfaces





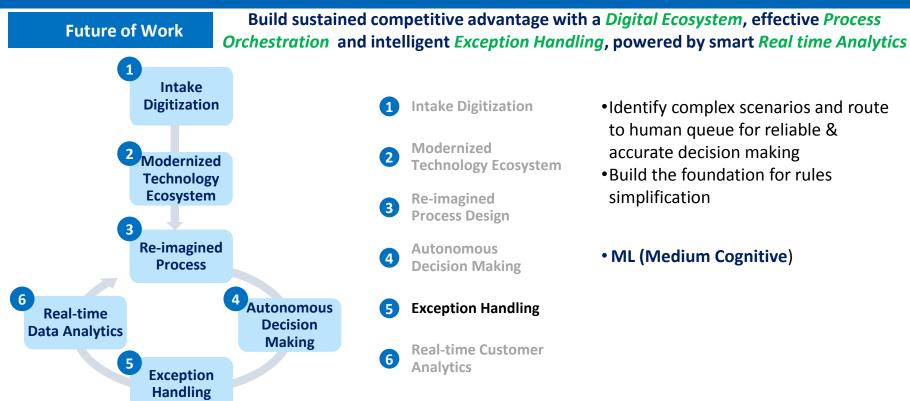




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- Modernized **Technology Ecosystem**
- Re-imagined **Process Design**
- Autonomous **Decision Making**
- **Exception Handling**
- **Real-time Customer Analytics**

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- Higher degree of autonomous straight through processing powered by digital data and rules simplification
- RPA/RDA
- Chat-Bots
- ML

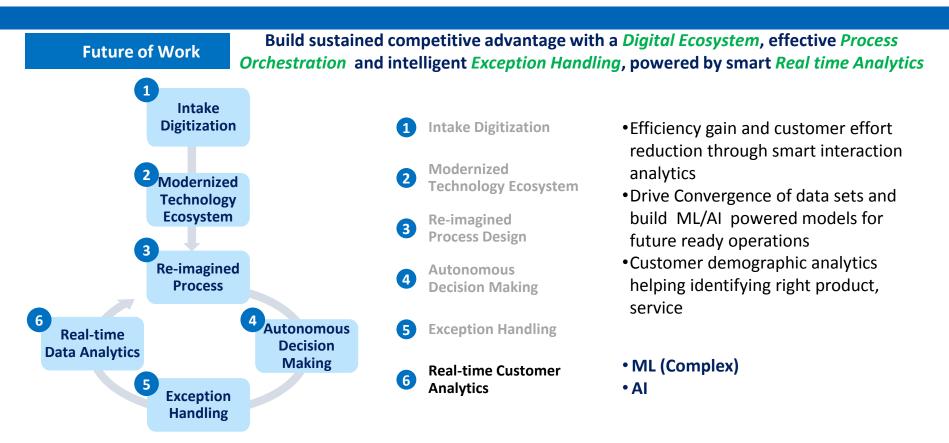




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- Build the foundation for rules simplification
- ML (Medium Cognitive)







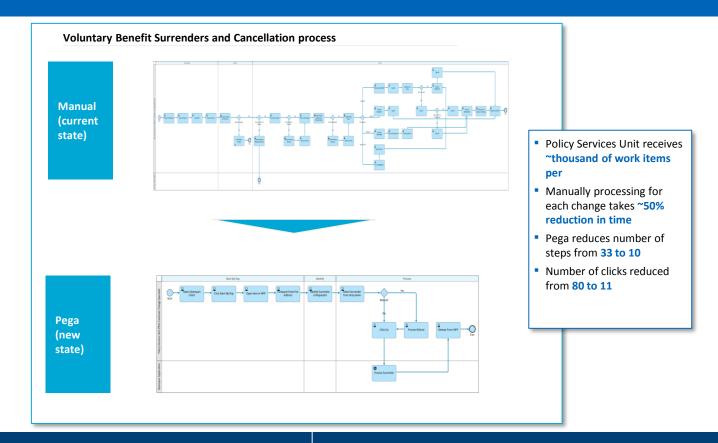
#### Build sustained competitive advantage with a Digital Ecosystem, effective Process **Future of Work** Orchestration and intelligent Exception Handling, powered by smart Real time Analytics Customer information intake is fully digitized and simplified · OCR, Intake Self Service • Digitally enabled transparent communication back to the client on progress with Intake Digitization Digitization · Web Portal the intake through life cycle stages · Mobile Apps Digitized intake connected with smart technology and modernized platform • Smart platform with ability to enable automation, digitization, integration with Modernized Modernized BPM multiple channels for intake management **Technology** Technology Interfaces • Digital policy administration on modern architecture, simplifying the IT landscape **Ecosystem** Ecosystem and eliminating the limitation of legacy system • Integrated front office and back office operations Simplification • Re-imagined process that allows seamless handoffs between system of record and Re-imagined Re-imagined Optimization system of engagement with minimal fallouts **Process Process Design** Standardization • Empowered techno functional knowledge workers focused at customer advisory and supported by virtual assistants • Customer interactions managed by Bots with human like empathy and experience Autonomous RPA/RDA • Higher degree of autonomous straight through processing powered by digital data Decision Chat-Bots Making ML Autonomous and rules simplification Data Decision **Analytics** Making · ML (Medium Exception Identify complex scenarios and route to human queue for reliable & accurate decision making 5 Cognitive) Handling • Build the foundation for rules simplification • Efficiency gain and customer effort reduction through smart interaction analytics Real-time **Exception** ML (Complex) • Drive Convergence of data sets and build ML/AI powered models for future ready operations Handling Customer AI **Analytics** Customer demographic analytics helping identifying right product, service



# Use Case Examples



# Example 1: Automations Reduce the Number of Steps and Clicks Required



# Example 2: Automation Enables Workflow and Legacy System Processing





#### **Current state**

#### Manual processing over multiple days for customer changes:

- Multiple screens to click-through to collect and update information
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day checks to validate information was processed and applied to policy

#### **Future state**

#### Same-day, instant processing for customer changes:

- Single interface to input policy number and select change type
- Immediate processing of information to complete change update

#### **Legacy system automations** and usability



#### Continual monitoring and reprioritization of work to best process customer changes:

- Manually calculate bill dates for each new
- customer file to prioritize work processing
- Monitor specific inboxes to track work and drop into workflows



#### Support for employees to process changes faster and prioritize work, including:

- Default sorting of work in ADI by bill date
- Automated file dropping into ADI





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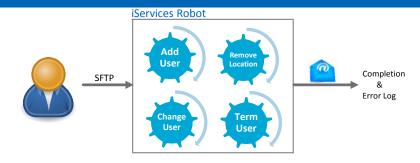
- Minimal outreach to customers to prep for reenrollment
- Paper forms

#### Dedicated education, support and delivery for reenrollment:

- Email templates to remind customers of upcoming reenrollment and increase participation
- eSign enrollment form to eliminate need for paper



# Example 3: Automation Reduces Complexity for Jumbo Customer



Phase	Pre-automation	Unum savings	Client Impact
Initial	<ul><li>Approx. 5,000 Adds to 4,000 divisions</li><li>8 mins per manual add</li></ul>	FTE Time Saved: • 660 hrs	Customer wait time reduction:  • 14 days → 1 day
Ongoing	<ul> <li>Add new user – 8 mins</li> <li>Add user to new location – 2 mins</li> <li>Add user to new Org – 5 mins</li> <li>Change user data – 1 min</li> <li>Terminate user – 1 min per Org</li> </ul>	<ul><li>FTE Time Saved:</li><li>Savings dependent on client volumes</li></ul>	Customer wait time reduction:  • 24 hrs →1 hr



# Thank You



# **Unum Automation Strategy and Journey**



# Unum Automation Journey - Vision, Mission, Strategy and Goal

#### **Background**

Unum as a company has a strong focus on delivering legendary digital experience to their Customers (Plan Admin and Employees/Consumers) and Partners (Brokers). In order to meet this goal Unum is building a best-in class, consumable reference architecture for digital strategy by transforming its existing process and technology landscape. Automation as a near term solution will be the enabler for driving longer term transformative business and technology strategies





#### Mission

Deploy realistic automation solution in partnership with business that ensures speed & accuracy, offering exceptional customer experience and productivity benefits



#### Vision

Proactively partner with Unum business areas to become the #1 company for customer experience by 2022 to deliver value through Automation capabilities, while aligning with technology roadmap\*



#### **Strategy**

Develop a RPA execution framework that can help all divisions within Unum (Unum US, Colonial Life, IDI, Finance Shared Services) drive automation, BPM, Future of Automation (ML, AI) programs in a seamless manner



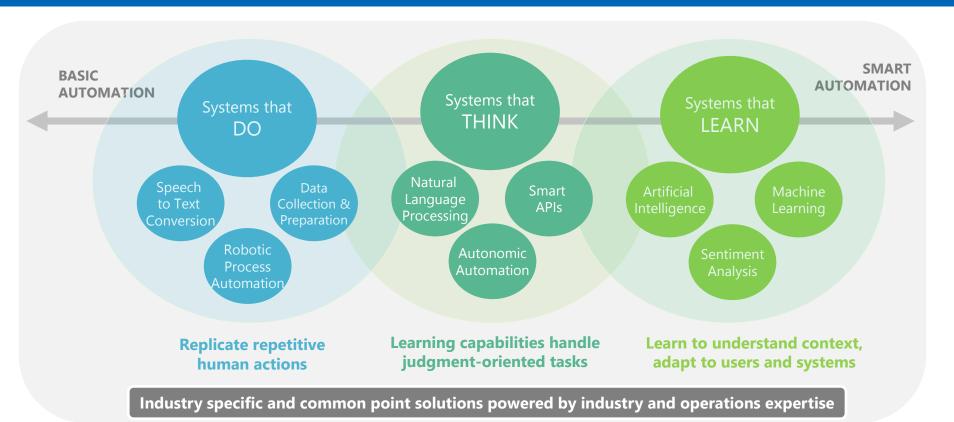
#### Goal

Utilize automation capabilities as means to deliver faster efficiency gains, reduce customer efforts and elevate their experience of doing business with Unum



<sup>\*</sup> Technology roadmap includes BPM strategy, architectural designs, digital surrounds strategy and industry trends

# **Quick View on Automation Categories**



# Unum's Automation Journey So Far



#### nitialization

- Pega implemented as RPA tool
- Customer Journey mapping approach to create backlog of automation opportunities
- Bottom-up idea generation
- RPA COE Setup in mid 2017
- 30 attended (RDA) & 5 unattended (RPA) developed and deployed

#### Industrialization

- Replicate automation framework across all of Unum groups
- Select tool partner to manage RPA to create the foundation for advanced automation (Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence)
- Align automation strategy with Business, Technology and Data strategies

#### Institutionalization

- Transformed, low-cost & high performance operating model
- Virtual workforce embedded with optimal human integration
- Library of reusable components
- Standardized and further scale automation deployment

# **Integration and Future of Automation**

- Taking automation to next level
  - AI (Artificial Intelligence)
  - ML (Machine Learning)
  - Cognitive computing
- Integration of data strategy, IT strategy and business objectives





### **Automation Milestone Achieved**

#### **Basic Automation**

- Conducted POC with Pega (Open Span) Interim solution in Contact Center
- Open-Span on-boarded as Automation tool to support basic automation (RDA/ RPA)
- Hired Pega Specialist as roll-out strategy
- 10 Solution build using Pega (Open Span)
- Internal resource trained on Pega (Open Span)

#### Strategic (CoE)

- CoE Institutionalization in mid 2017
- Deployed 30 RDA and 5 RPA solution to 1,100 users
- Tool Assessment and recommendation
- Automation Framework Maturity Assessment
- Identify use cases for ML solution across Unum US Business Delivery Highways
- Automation roadmap (ML, others)

#### **BPM Solution**

- POC on BPM platform
- Pilot with Pega BPM in Policy Admin function
- Planning on BPM deployment expansion

#### Other Details:

- Pega acquired Open Span and integrated to primary platform
- Leveraged Customer Journey initiative to create automation (RDA/RPA) backlog
- Involved preferred partner to conduct Maturity Assessment an Tool comparison



# Enterprise Automation: Key Lesson Learned (1/2)

Approach: Fragmented vs. Holistic/Functional

Business Objectives: Cost vs. Cost+ (Cost, Scale, Compliance, Quality, CX, Revenue)

Education: Assume everyone understand vs. Educating everyone

Benefit Levers: Automation vs. Automation Plus (Elimination, Optimization, Consolidation, Sourcing)

Benefits Realization: Overly Optimistic vs. Realistic (Measure of success, Approach, timeline, tool)



# Enterprise Automation: Key Lesson Learned (2/2)

Accountability: Technology Lead vs. Business Lead

Governance: PMO vs. Outcomes Management Discipline

Think Beyond Implementation: Maintenance & Risk Mitigation

Re-imagine Target Operating Model: Holistic Service Delivery Design, Future Proof Operations



#### **Simple Transactional Data**



#### RDA

#### **Robotic Desktop Automation**

Desktop based, operator triggered real time automation solutions that target fragment of a business process. Used for front & back office integration

2017 & onwards

**Fimelines** 

#### **Structured Data/Simple Rules**



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### **RPA Tool: Commercials**

#### PRODUCT PRICING ANALYSIS



- Variable pricing for Front-Office (lower) and Bank-office Bots (Higher)
- Dev Studio, Controller and Bots are priced individually



- Same price for Front-Office and Back-Office Bots
- IQ bots are priced differently
- Dev Studio, Controller and Bots are priced individually



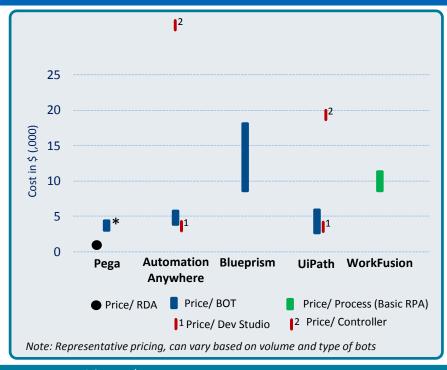
- Only Back-Office Bots pricing
- Dev Studio, Control Room are not separately priced



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Priced by Process for Standard and ML process

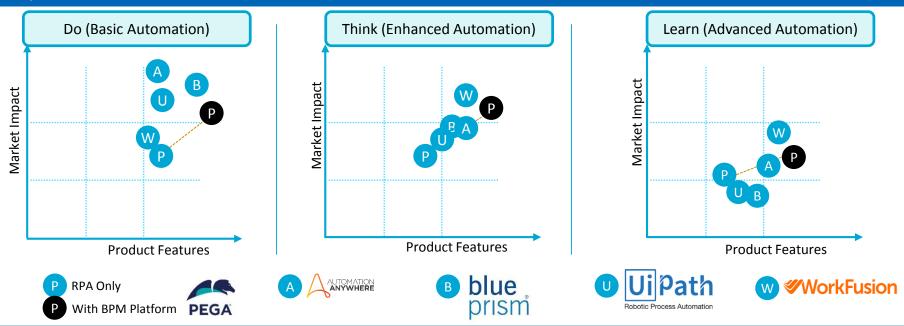


- \* Unum has made \$648K investment in 2016 (1,000 RDA and RPA BOT's equivalent to 500 FTE's) with \$209K recurring annualized cost.
- RPA BOT's equivalent to 495 FTE are still available for utilization.
- Highly recommend to utilize available RDA/RPA solutions on Pega



### **RPA Tool Comparison Summary**

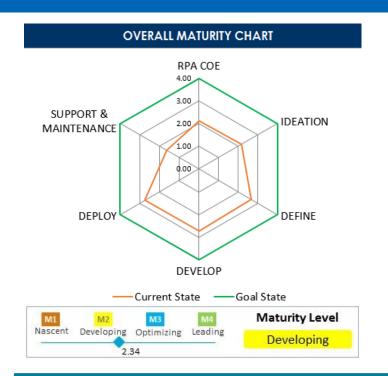
#### REQUIREMENT AGAINST CAPABILITIES AND ASSUMPTIONS



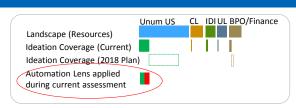
- For Business Units with **predominance of standard RPA process** standard RPA tools like Automation Anywhere, UiPath, Blueprism, **Pega is equally capable to deliver** the functionality required
- Pega in its integration platform tool as robust features, complementing the RPA modules for front office and back office requirement with cognitive dimensions, followed by WorkFusion providing all comparable features in a self contained tool



### Automation Framework Maturity Assessment Summary (conducted in Q4 2017)







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- **Enhance Ideation Coverage:** Formal assessment recommended by linking with CJ/ Value stream to create backlog of holistic automation opportunities driving benefits
- **Governance:** Build project and program level governance with strong focus on outcome management and mapping the industry best practices
- **Process Documentation:** Standardized documentation following industry standards at a key stroke level covering all rules, variations & constraint (PDD, SDD and TDD)
- **Toolbox:** Define and design standardized tools & templates toolkits customized for Unum environments
- **RPA Awareness:** Build automation opportunity identification and deployment playbook with enhanced training content (introductory & advanced)

- Commitment from leadership and governance
- Identify-empower-engage right resource for successful automation maturity



## COE Structure for Enterprise RPA

Based on our experience in Implementing RPA

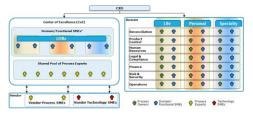
INITIATIVES ARE LARGELY CONFINED TO ORGANIZATIONAL SILOS OR VENDOR ORGANIZATIONS

COE RECOMMENDS CENTRALIZED MODEL WITH CURRENT MATURITY AND EVOLUTION

### Federated Model



#### **Hybrid Model**



#### **Centralized Model**



#### Salient Features

- BU's drive and sponsor process industrialization - RPA
- Resources are provided by BU's
- CoE only plays a consultative role and maintains a skeletal resource pool

- CoE drives Enterprise RPA
- A combination of CoE resources and BU resources are used
- Jointly sponsored by CoE and BU's

- CoE drives and sponsors Enterprise RPA
- The CoE functions as a department, has its own budget and provides resources for process industrialization

#### Pros

Minimal change before starting process industrialization

- Strikes an optimal middle-ground between standardization and utilization
- Considerable sharing of best practices and lessons learnt across organization

- Clarity in roles and ownership
- Process consistency and control points easily enforces across BU's
- Maximum sharing of knowledge assets
- May require substantial up-front investment/ coordination to set up CoE and recruit/ engage resources

#### Cons

- Low process consistency across BU's
- High stakeholder coordination required to enforce uniform processes and control points
- Low process consistency across BU's
- High stakeholder coordination required to enforce uniform execution & control
- May result in relatively lower utilization



# **Appendix**



### **Leveraging Known Hypothesis**

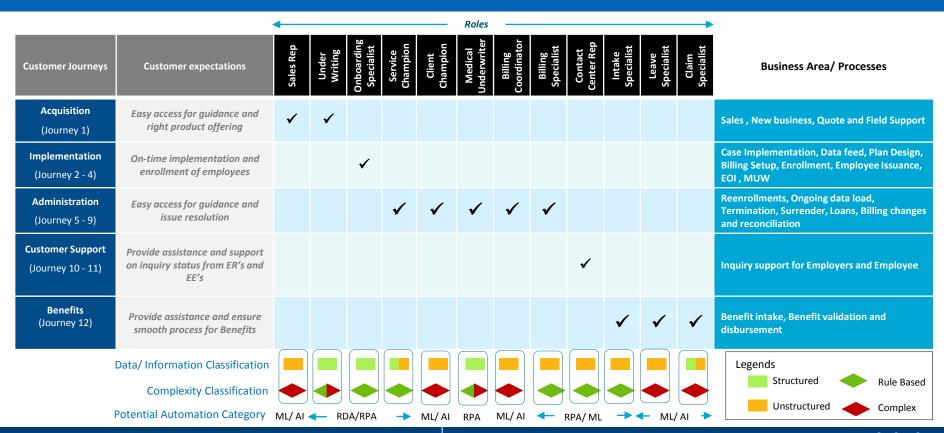
RDA/ RPA deployments in last 10 months helped CoE to learn a lot and build a list of hypothesis that can help accelerating the opportunity identification process to a great degree. It also helps in defining the right solutions and build a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) for automation

List of Hypothesis	Key Considerations	Digitization	Elimination	Automation			Technology
				Low	Medium	High	Modernization
1. Activities related to Data Entry and updating System of Records should be 100% automated	100% Digitized and structured input	✓	4			✓	
2. Activities related to Intake Management can be digitized or optimized through technology enablement	Structured inputs and not hand written, forms modernization, web/mobile app based submission, advanced rules management	✓	4		4	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>
3. Manual Processing efforts in relation to Documentation and updating notes can be largely automated using ML/NLP	Rules documentation, standardized templates and content, robust knowledge management	✓	4	<b>✓</b>	✓		✓
4. All human thinking around Research and Analysis work can be augmented and duplicated over a period of time.	Scenario capturing, rules mapping at system of records and system of engagement level, robust process documentation	✓	4	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>		✓
		Point solutions and advanced OCR solutions to help achieving 100% digitization. Alternately manual data digitization can help as well	Redesign business process activities and apply the levers of Process simplification, standardization, consolidation	Mimic Human Action – RDA and RPA *Augment Human Intelligence – ML/NLP led automation *Mimic Human Intelligence – AI based advanced automation		Platform modernization, workflow implementation, enhancing reporting capabilities	

<sup>\*</sup> Platform modernization (BPM platform) is pre-requisite for ML and Al solution



### Mapping the Industry Perspective to Unum US Landscape



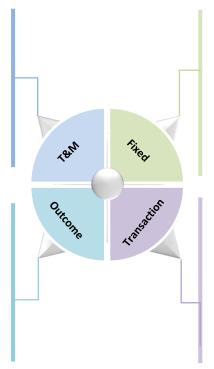
### **Potential Commercial Models**

#### FTE Based Pricing (T&M)

- Suited for initial phase of the project (when the new process is set up on an experimental basis)
- Easy to establish with no prior commitment on fees needed

#### **Outcome Based Pricing:**

- Suited for steady state phase of the project where outcomes are well defined and measurable
- Pricing is linked to the business value generated (% of increased revenue, increased profits or decreased operating expenses)
- Typically, Partial payment per milestone and incremental reward based on business outcome



#### **Fixed Pricing (Effort Based):**

- Baseline volume( with dead band) defined for the contract period
- Clear definition of scope of work and the SLA

#### **Transaction Based Pricing:**

- Suited for steady state phase of the project with well-defined and documented scope of services with minimal to no investment upfront for a certain types of processes
- Pricing is directly linked to discrete units of output delivered by the provider
- Suitable for simple process with significantly high volume/ transaction and minimal deviation



### RPA Tool Comparison: Capability against dimensions

#### **CAPABILITY COMPARISON VIEW**

Dimensions	PEGA	AUTOMATION ANYWHERE	<b>blue</b> prism	Path Robotic Process Automation	<b>∜</b> WorkFusion
Ease of Use		•		•	
Governance					
Identify Management	•	•		•	•
Application Integration					
Operating System					
Machine Learning and Document Imaging	Requires PEGA Platform		Integrates with Abby Flexicapture	Integrates with Appian/IBM Watson	

























