" INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IN AUDIT CONTROL"

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Abstract

In the era of today's technological advancements as mobile technology, cloud computing, Multimedia computing and various social media's -facebook, watsup, LinkedIn, creates internal threats to organizations. Traditional security models focus on controlling external hackers. IT internal audit can play a vital role in evaluating the organization's information security strategy. This paper focus on the Challenges of information technology management and audit control.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Traditional method of auditing consumed lot of time and difficult task. This lead to creation of electronic data processing (EDP), computer information systems (CIS), and IS auditing . At that time, the need for an IT audit function came from several directions.

Auditors, corporate and information processing management recognized that computers were key resources for computing in the business environment and similar to other valuable business resource within the organization, and therefore, the need for control and auditability is critical.

Professional associations and organizations, and government entities recognized the need for IT control and auditability.

The early components of IT auditing were drawn from several areas. First, traditional auditing contributes knowledge of internal control practices and the overall control philosophy. Another contributor was IS management, which provides methodologies necessary to achieve successful design and implementation of systems. The field of behavioral science provided such questions and analysis to when and why IS are likely to fail because of people problems. Finally, the field of computer science contributes knowledge about control concepts, discipline, theory, and the formal models that underlie hardware and software design as a basis for maintaining data validity, reliability, and integrity.

IT auditing is an integral part of the audit function because it supports the auditor's judgment on the quality of the information processed by computer systems. Initially, auditors with IT audit skills are viewed as the technological resource for the audit staff. The audit staff often looked to them for technical assistance. There are many types of audit needs within IT auditing, such as organizational IT audits (management control over IT), technical IT audits (infrastructure, data centers, data communication), application IT audit (business/financial/operational), development/implementation IT audits (specification/ requirements, design, development, and post-implementation phases), and compliance IT audits involving national or international standards. The IT auditor's role has evolved to provide assurance that adequate and appropriate controls are in place. Of course, the responsibility for ensuring that adequate internal controls are in place rests with the management. The audit's primary role, except in areas of management advisory services, is to provide a statement of assurance as to whether adequate and reliable internal controls are in place and are operating in an efficient and effective manner. Therefore, whereas management is to ensure, auditors are to assure.

Today, IT auditing is a profession with conduct, aims, and qualities that are characterized by worldwide technical standards, an ethical set of rules (Information Systems Audit and Control Association [ISACA] Code of Ethics), and a professional certification program (Certified Information Systems Auditor [CISA]). It requires specialized knowledge and practicable ability, training and professional development of

IT auditor can result in the best IT audit function.

Application of standards (national or international) such as ISO 9000/3 and ISO 17799 to improve and implement quality systems for auditing.

2.OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY:

IT auditors work in collaboration with executive management, the board of directors, IT, legal, human resources and numerous other departments to help their organizations mitigate and control an escalating volume of IT risks that could cripple the enterprise.

The following are basic steps in performing the Information Technology Audit Process:

Planning

Studying and Evaluating Controls

Testing and Evaluating Controls

Reporting

Follow-up

reports

The following are principles of an audit:

Timeliness.

Financial context

Scientific referencing of learning perspectives

Literature-inclusion

Inclusion of user manuals & documentation

Identify references to innovations

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Japan's largest bank, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, has unveiled an all-talking and all-walking robot employee that is set to be introduced into their Tokyo branches

ICICI Bank introduces 'Software Robotics' to power banking operations

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First bank in the country and among few, globally, to roll-out 'Software Robotics'

Over 200 software robots are performing over 10 lakh banking transactions every working day

Pares response time to customers by up to 60%; sharply raises productivity

Mumbai: ICICI Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today announced the deployment of 'Software Robotics' in over 200 business processes across various functions of the bank. The bank is the first in the country and among few, globally, to deploy 'Software Robotics' that emulates human actions to automate and perform repetitive, high volume and time consuming business tasks cutting across multiple applications.

At ICICI Bank, software robots have reduced the response time to customers by up to 60% and increased accuracy to 100% thereby sharply improving the bank's productivity and efficiency. It has also enabled the bank's employees to focus more on value-added and customer-related functions. The software robots now perform over 10 lakh banking transactions every working day.

ICICI Bank has deployed these software robots in over 200 business process functions across the organisation including retail banking operations, agri-business, trade & forex, treasury and human resources management among others. The bank has implemented the 'Software Robotics' platform mostly in-house, leveraging recent advancements in artificial intelligence such as facial and voice recognition, natural language processing, machine learning and bots among others.

Announcing the deployment of 'Software Robotics', Ms. Chanda Kochhar, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank, said, "ICICI Bank has a legacy of pioneering innovations in technology to create propositions that provide increased convenience to customers. We have created new paradigms in the financial services industry by taking the lead in introducing pathbreaking innovations including internet banking, mobile banking, Tab banking, Touch Banking branches and banking on social media.

It is yet another proud moment for us as we bring forth the futuristic technology of 'Software Robotics'. We have re-engineered over 200 business processes which are powered by software robots across various functions of the Bank. This initiative marks a milestone in the banking innovation in the Indian banking industry as it joins a select group of overseas organisations which have deployed this unique state-of-the-art robotic technology in such a large way.

The software robots are processing over 10 lakh transactions daily, bringing in unparalleled operational efficiency, higher accuracy and a massive reduction in processing time for customer services. Further, with our retail banking growing at over 25% every year, we will be ready to handle larger volumes with the same resources. This initiative deeply embodies the bank's philosophy of 'khayaal aapka', wherein we strive to offer the best-in-class experience to our customers.

It will also enable our employees to focus on more value-added services while having better work-life balance. I believe that the implementation of 'Software Robotics' will herald a transformational change

in the Indian banking industry. We plan to more than double the software robots to over 500 by end of this fiscal."

The software robots at ICICI Bank are configured to capture and interpret information from systems, recognize patterns and run business processes across multiple applications to execute activities including data entry and validation, automated formatting, multi-format message creation, text mining, workflow acceleration, reconciliations and currency exchange rate processing among others.

This launch comes close on the heels of a slew of technology-led innovative services introduced by the bank. The list includes fully automated and round-the-clock 'Touch Banking' branches, Tab Banking, banking on Facebook and Twitter, the country's first contactless debit and credit cards, 'Pockets'-India's first digital bank on mobile phone and 'iMobile SmartKeys' – Asia's first payment service using a smartphone keyboard.

3.CHALLENGES:

The following are the main challenges of Information technology management audit control.

- 1.IT security, bridging IT and the business
- 2.Big data and analytics
- 3. Project management and change management
- 4.Resource/staffing/skills challenges
- 5 Cloud computing/virtualization
- 6. Infrastructure management
- 7.Budgets and controlling costs
- 8. Organization and Management
- 9. Computer Operations
- 10.Physical Security
- 11.Environmental Controls
- 12. Program, Data File and Transaction Security
- 13. Security Administration
- 14. Applications Systems Development and Maintenance
- 15. Systems Software Support
- 16. Vendor Support
- 17. Data Base Administration
- 18. Hardware and Software Inventory Management
- 19. Telecommunications
- 20. Continuity of Operations
- 21. Emerging technology and infrastructure changes such as transformation, innovation, disruption

4. CONCLUSIONS:

Computerised audit control plays significant role in effective and efficient management of data but it has to resolve the challenges mentioned in previous section.

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