

### Transforming Internal Audit Using New Technologies

Internal Audit in a Disruptive Environment

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#### Lessons from Africa – matatus vs auditors









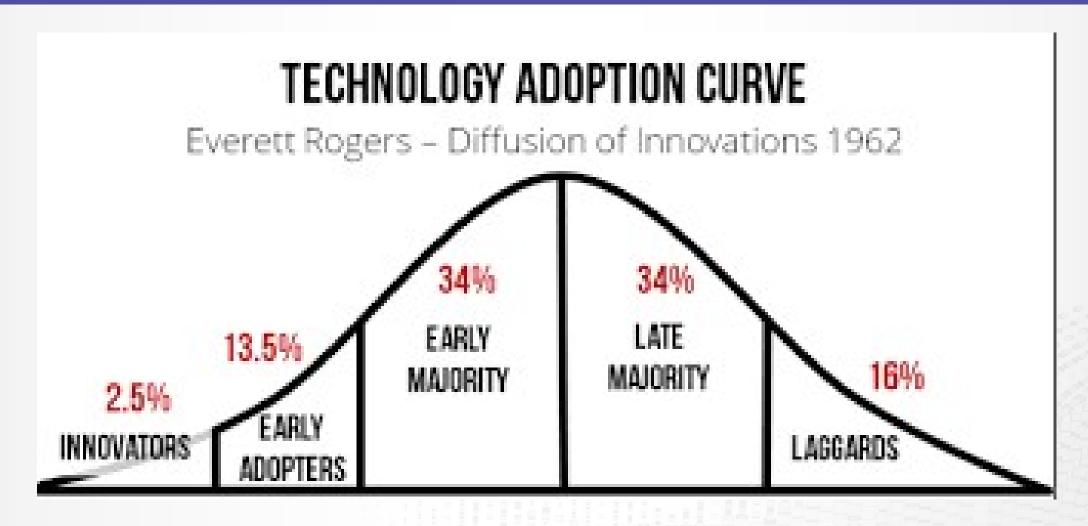






#### The Adoption, Acceptance and Use Of Technology





#### 7 Dimensions for measuring technology adoption in Internal Audit

- 1. Audit objective—The scope of audit undertaken by CA systems
- 2. Audit approach—The extent to which audit outputs shift from periodic to continuous
- 3. Data access—The level of access of internal auditors to the firm's data systems
- 4. Audit automation—The degree to which audit processes are automated
- 5. Audit and management overlap—The extent to which internal auditors rely on IT systems intended for use
- 6. Management of audit function—The organizational relationship among IT internal audit, finance audit and other compliance departments
- 7. Analytic methods—The degree of technical sophistication of

#### Barriers to technology adoption





#### The Five Dysfunctions of a Team



San Francisco: Jossey-Bass (2002). by Patrick Lencioni

#### Dysfunction one: An absence of trust among team members.

- (resulting problem: invulnerability)
- 2. Dysfunction two: Fear of conflict.
- -- (resulting problem: artificial harmony)
- 3. Dysfunction three: Lack of commitment.
- -- (resulting problem: ambiguity)
- 4. Dysfunction four: An avoidance of accountability.
- -- (resulting problem: low standards)
- 5. Dysfunction five: Inattention to results.
- -- (resulting problem: status and ego)

#### Technology domains – why you need to act



#### Organisations/Businesses

## Business is being disrupted and needs to become more efficient with innovative products

Auditor is-trusted advisor- Assurance provider

#### **Audit Profession**

Audit domain is being disrupted.

- -Data analysis underpins Al
- -Routine tasks automated
- -Adoption of Al improves accuracy and scale
- -Best practice -ECM & CA

#### Technological and assurance process changes



#### **Global Trends**

- 1. Fourth Industrial revolution
- 2. Data is the key to the future
- 3. Know your clients so you can service what they actually want, when they want it, how they want it.
- 4. If you don't adapt, someone else will
- 5. Business models are being disrupted

#### **Enablers of the Data Analytics Revolution**

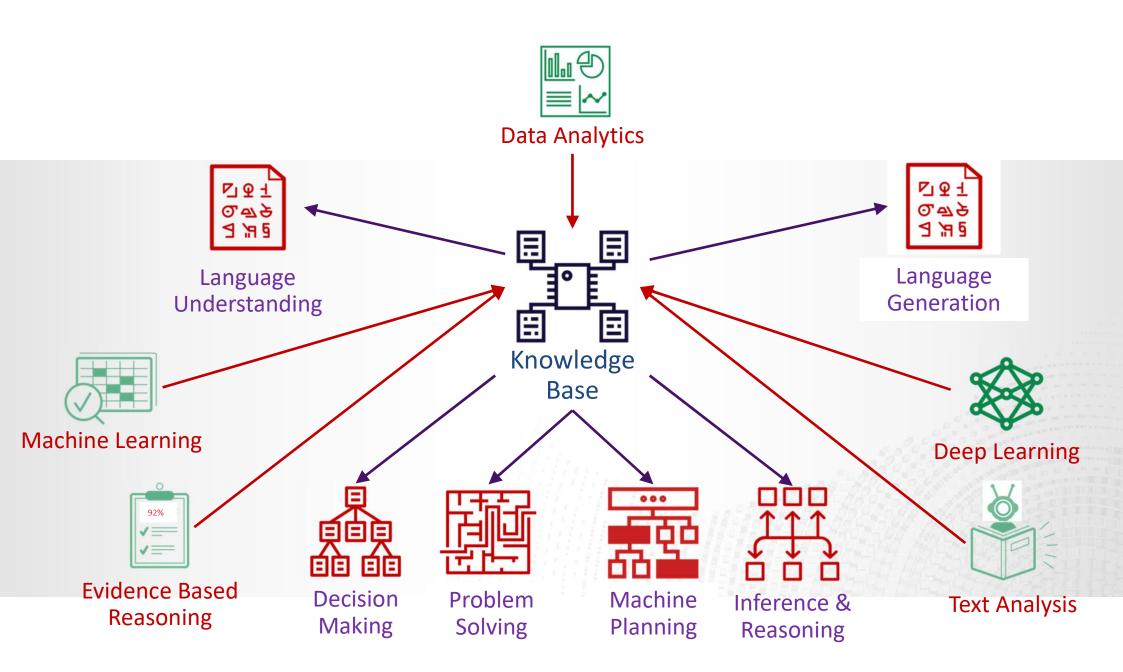


- 1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 2. Natural Language Processing
- 3. Information as a corporate asset
- 4. Smart devices that produce and consume IoT data
- 5. Platform and Stack more accessible
- 6. Cloud enabled democratisation
- 7. Trust digital ethics frameworks

#### Tasks of Intelligence



Learning **Planning** Control **Problem Solving** Language Language Sensing **Understanding** Generation Knowledge Inference Robotics **Decision Making** 



#### Motivation for new approaches



- 1. What questions are you already asking that could have better answers?
- 2. What question would make your organization more competitive if you could answer it?
- 3. How can you create magic for your customers?
- 4. Where are you spending lots of time gathering or analyzing information?
- 5. Do you wish you could clone your top performers?

#### **Data Science**



- "The science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs".
- Intelligence distinguishes us from everything in the world.
- How about consciousness?
- Making computers understand, apply knowledge.
- Also, improve skills significant role in our evolution.

#### Requirements for Career in Al



- Various levels of math, including probability, statistics, algebra, calculus, logic, and algorithms.
- Bayesian networking or graphical modelling, including neural nets.
- Physics, engineering, and robotics.
- Computer science, programming languages, and coding.
- Cognitive science theory.
- Read more about programming languages: R, <u>Machine</u>
   <u>Learning</u>



- a. Keep a finger on the pulse
- b. Piggyback on the innovators
- c. Brainstorm potential uses with your team
- d. Start small and focus on creating real value
- e. Prepare the ground
- f. Collaborate functional teams



## Structure Projects in Stages to Convince Stakeholders



## Business Data Can Be Messy



## Start with Available Data & Solvable Problems



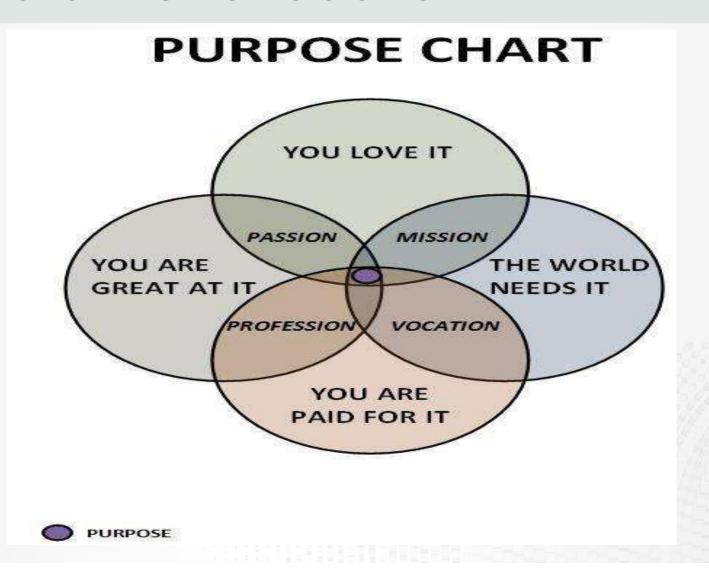
### Don't Overlook Older Tools



# AI & ML Transformation Is Just Beginning

#### Matatu driver or auditor?





### Q&A