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When culture and technology align, transformative things can happen. By shifting its mindset to embrace the cloud-based digital tools of modern finance, Microsoft's finance department has been able to optimize internal operations and drive business partners to action.

Adopting the tools and techniques of modern finance can increase productivity, impact, and influence for your own company, too. Check out this infographic to find out how we improved forecast accuracy, cut customer response times from minutes to seconds, and saved tens of thousands of hours of work per quarter.



Count on Disrupting Finance to Achieve Future Growth

Finance is the universal language of business, and shifting to a modern finance mindset can increase productivity, impact, and influence across your organization. Microsoft started transforming its finance organization with a core set of building blocks: a cohesive data solution, centralized services, and a culture on board with driving change.



Empower finance employees to think differently



TRANSFORMATION

Microsoft's finance organization's mindset shift began with using data to help start conversations and drive business partners to action.



PEOPLE

- Culture
- Diversity & inclusion
- Manager capabilities
- Learning & development



PROTECTION

- Instill trust
- Use AI to identify risk
- Learn from audits
- Protect data & privacy



PRIORITIZATION

- Project accountability
- Forecast accuracy
- Process simplification
- Efficient systems



PARTNERSHIP

- Align spend to goals
- Customer obsession
- Drive digital transformation

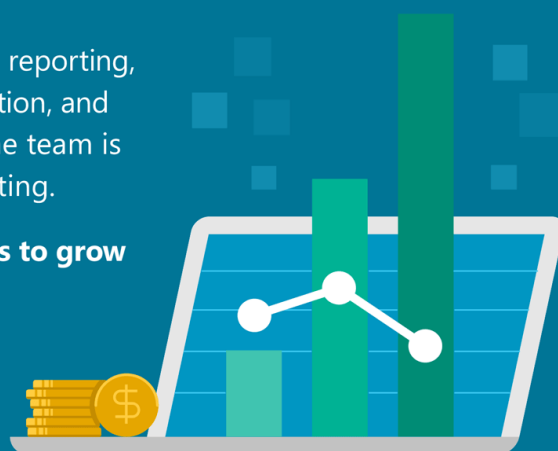


Modern finance practices led to a 20% reduction in time spent compiling and validating data, saving over 150,000 hours of work each quarter.

Microsoft finance focused on financial analysis and reporting, strategy and forecasting, business process automation, and risk management to reshape the organization. The team is now looking beyond the data to continue innovating.

How are you providing employees the essentials to grow the enterprise as a whole?

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