RPA: Robotic Process Automation (1/8)

Robotic Process Automation (RPA) is mirroring human software interaction to take over administrative and repetitive activities







Value-adding tasks

Administrative & repetitive tasks



- "Software" robot
- Works with existing user interfaces
- Can access background systems & databases
- Executes (trained) process steps
- Can interact with employees (if needed)

Future: Full concentration on value-adding tasks



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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (2/8)

RPA is characterized by high applicability and speed of implementation while enabling high cost and other process improvement benefits



Boosts process productivity by 30%+, which leads to high cost savings with a quick ROI (partially < I year)

Ensures 24/7 reliability

& consistent quality of process execution









Enables full auditability with 100% process execution transparency

Is a **non-invasive** technology with high applicability across industries and functions





Delivers first results quickly in a just a few weeks, typically 10-40 days per (sub)process

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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (3/8)

To identify RPA quick wins as a starting point of your RPA journey, check process steps for a high RPA applicability using five simple questions



Nο

No

Yes

Yes

RPA Quick Check Five short questions to check RPA automation potential of a process (step)

- All data required for process execution is available (or can be provided) digitally?
- Process execution follows the same pattern in >50% of cases (= few exceptions)?
- Process execution is transactional (only simple evaluations and decisions)?
- Process is **executed regularly** with a high frequency or by a high number of people?
- No changes of the process flow or the supporting IT systems are planned in the near future?

High probability that RPA automation yields high benefits with a short ROI!

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Yes



RPA: Robotic Process Automation (4/8)

Most companies are still at the beginning of leveraging the full potential of RPA - the evolution promises many more applications than there are today





Robotic desktop automation

with manual interventions

Robotic Process Automation

with digital triggers or self-service

RPA + Machine learning

prescriptive analytics & decision-making

RPA + **Artificial** Intelligence (AI)

with deductive analytics

Robotic Desktop Automation

- "Attended" automation
- Virtual assistant
- Works hand-in-hand with employees
- Typically used for front-office tasks



Robotic Process Automation

- "Unattended" automation
- Virtual workforce
- Works 24/7 based on defined work plans or business triggers
- Typically used for back-office tasks

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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (5/8)

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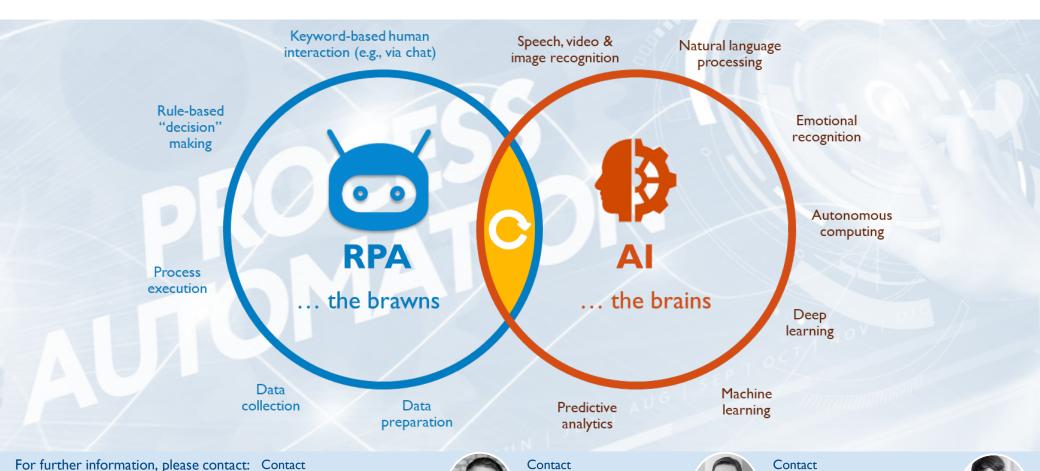
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RPA versus Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not the question: RPA can be flexibly connected with different AI engines based on required capabilities



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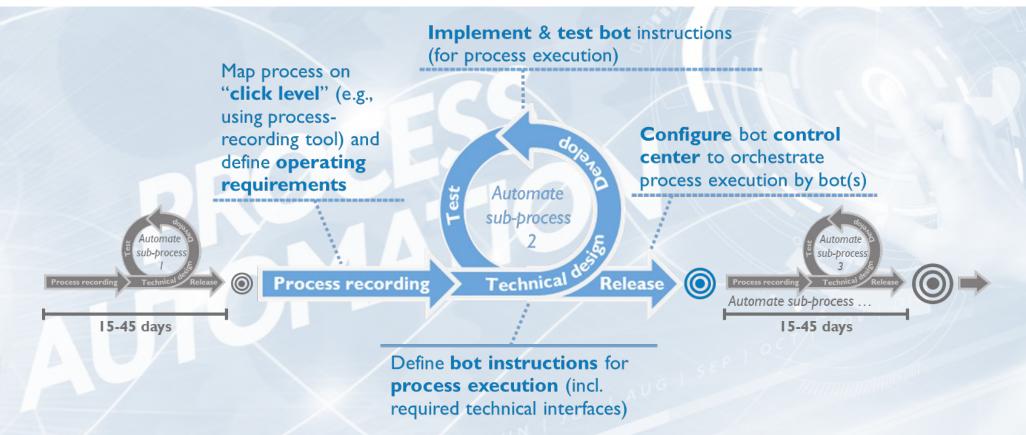
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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (6/8)

Process automation with RPA should be split into small "sprints", each taking 15 to 45 days to reduce risks and enable benefits quickly





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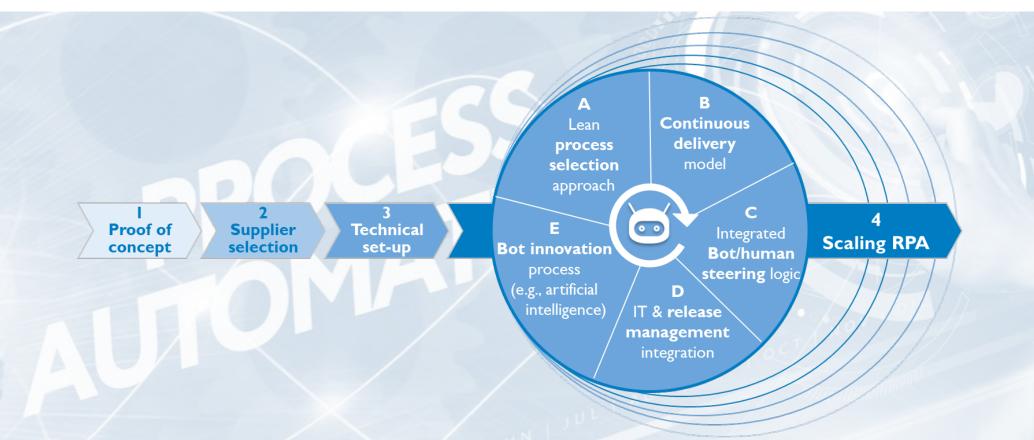
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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (7/8)

To scale RPA right, establish an agile RPA operating model that is integrated with the company's existing business and IT processes





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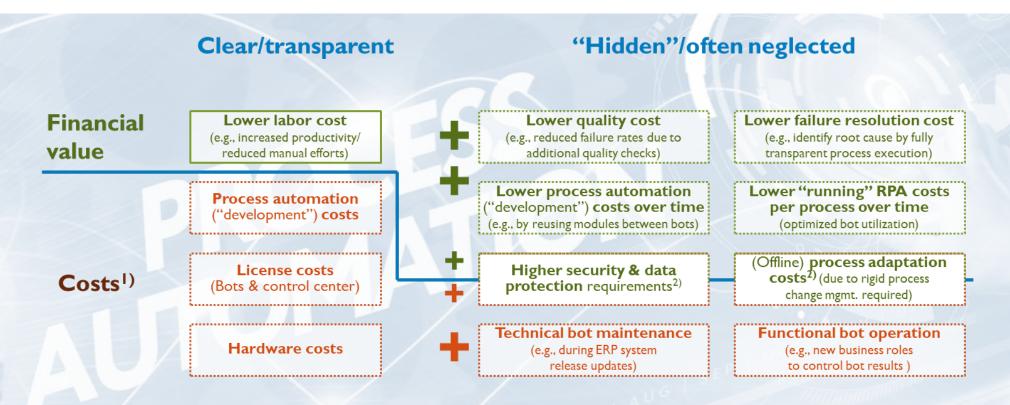
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RPA: Robotic Process Automation (8/8)

Ensure you evaluate the financial benefits of RPA the right way – don't miss floating costs per process, growing synergies, and regular quality costs





1) Most common cost factor; these may vary depending on RPA technology and supplier 2) May lead to increased costs, but in contrast, higher compliance and process orientation

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