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## Is Your Accounting System Helping or Hindering Your Revenue Growth?

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## Introduction



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## Agenda

- → How predictive analytics proactively drives outcomes within a professional-services firm.
- → Steps for defining critical leading indicators to monitor at project, portfolio and firm level.
- → How to leverage investments in the accounting, CRM, PM and other software to grow your firm.
- → Ways to eliminate roadblocks that can cost your firm a substantial percentage of its revenue.





## Why does this matter?

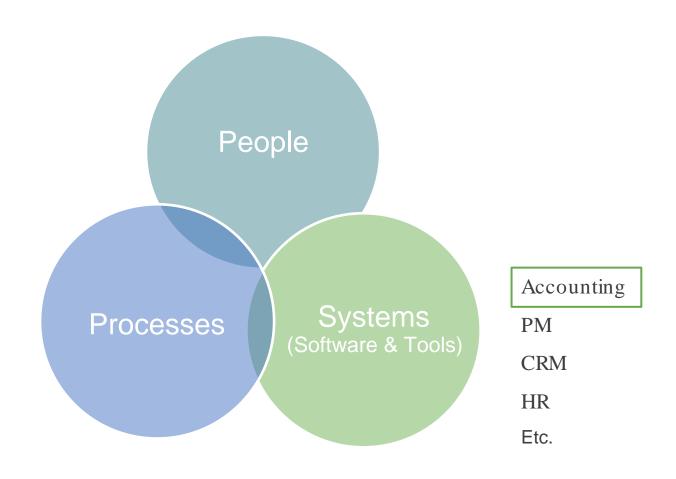
#### Top 20% of Professional Services Organizations vs. Other 80%

- → 38% greater year over year change in revenue
- → 19% better bidto-win ratio
- → 36% less discount given
- → 15% better employee utilization
- → 38% less average project overrun
- → 33% greater annual revenue billable by consultant





### What is the difference?







## Accounting System Impacts Revenue Growth

1

Maximize revenue with insights needed to proactively manage projects.

Visibility into financial performance of projects, forecasting, trends, alerts, accurate costing information for better proposals, etc.

2

Capture and bill ALL revenue earned.

In-scope, out-of-scope, materials, expenses, travel, etc.







## Maximize Revenue with Insights Needed for Proactive Project Management





#### POLL 1

## How does your firm produce project performance forecast reports?

- → Process is automated and in real time
- → Process is manual, and it takes a few hours
- → Process is manual, and it takes many days
- → We don't forecast project performance.





## We all know proactive is better than reactive

"Ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure..." Ben Franklin 1736

#### What gets in the way?

We can't see the warning signs that we are heading off track until it is too late.

VS.

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#### PROACTIVE:

Knowing where we are and looking forward in real time.

#### **FEBRUARY**

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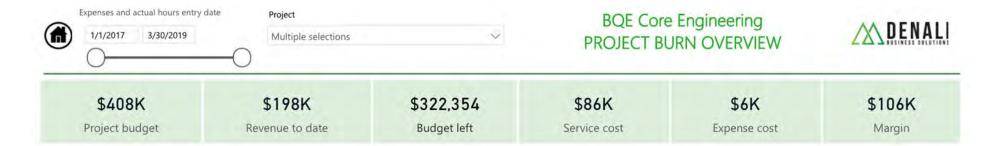
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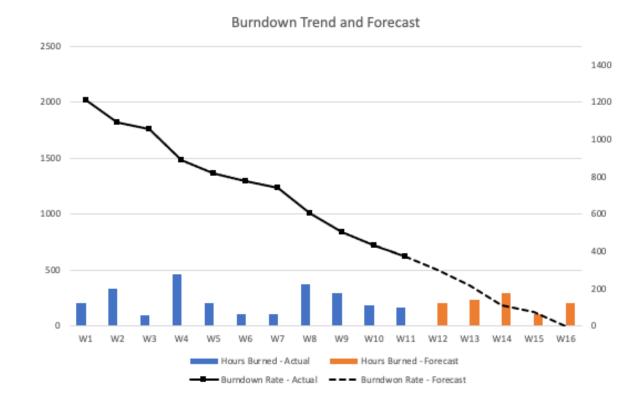
Reacting to what has already happened.





#### Proactive Management Example











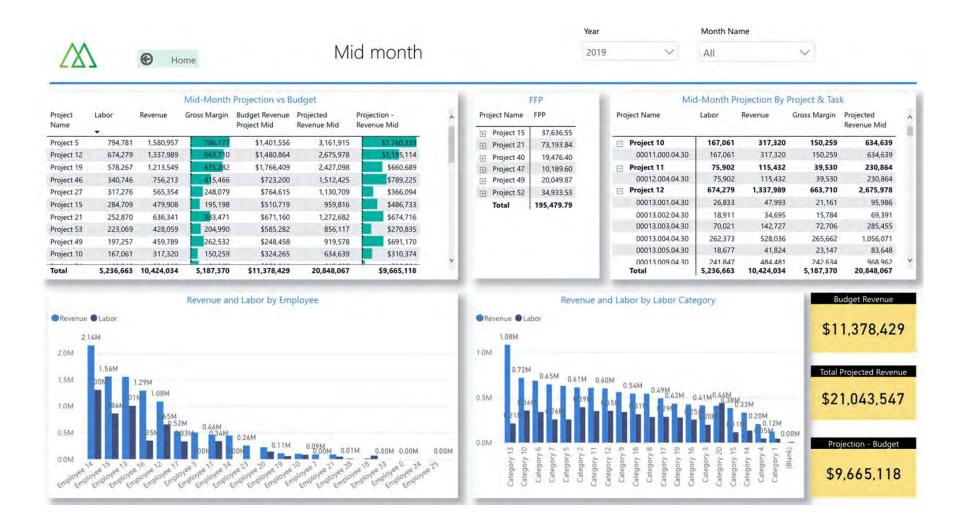
#### **Proactive Management Example**







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#### How to proactively manage problems and opportunities across the firm?

## Real time visibility and alerts.



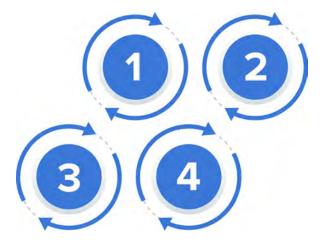
#### Person

- Missing time entries/time sheets
- Overallocated resources



#### Project

- Burn rate > xx
- Bille d > xx% of total
- More than x tasks past due



#### Project Portfolio

- Average utilization < xx%
- % projects not on target
- Projects with 0 billable hours this week



#### Firm

- Cash below xx
- AR over 90 days > xx
- AP over 90 days > xx





#### Firm View







#### Firm View

- → Employee Utilizations vs. benchmark
- → Revenue per employee vs. benchmark
- → Billable hours/non-billable hours vs. benchmark
- → Revenue per billable consultant vs. benchmark
- → EBITDA% vs. benchmark

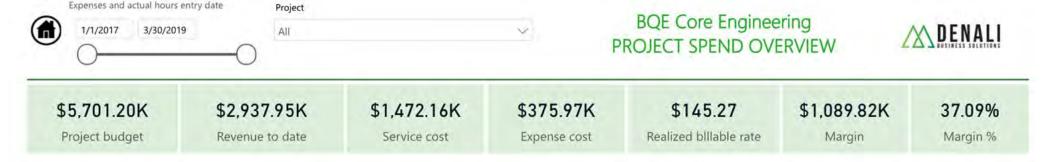


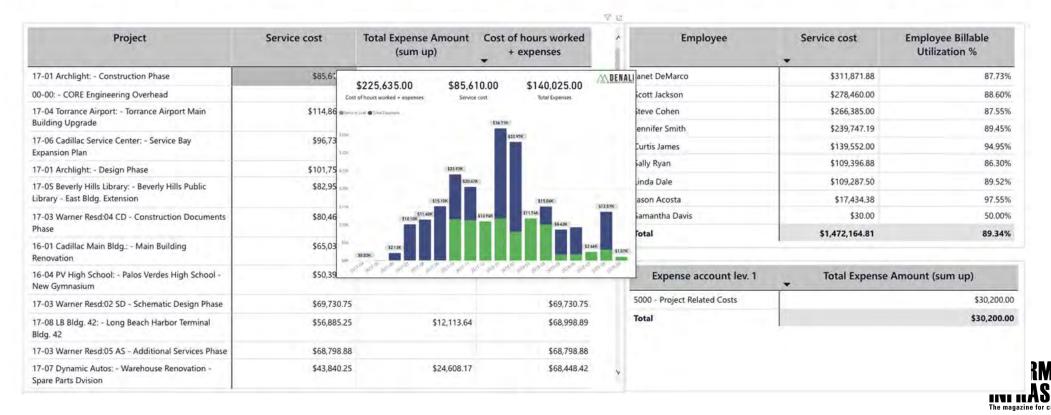






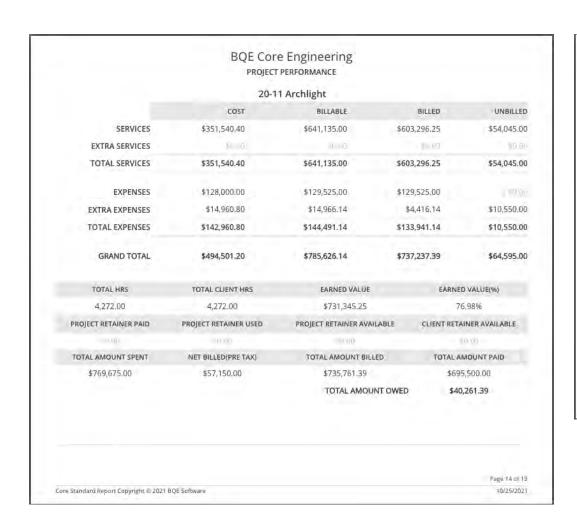
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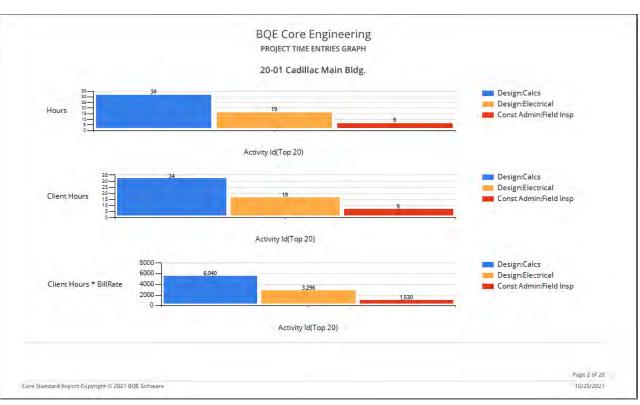






#### **Project View**









#### Portfolio View





Project Analysis

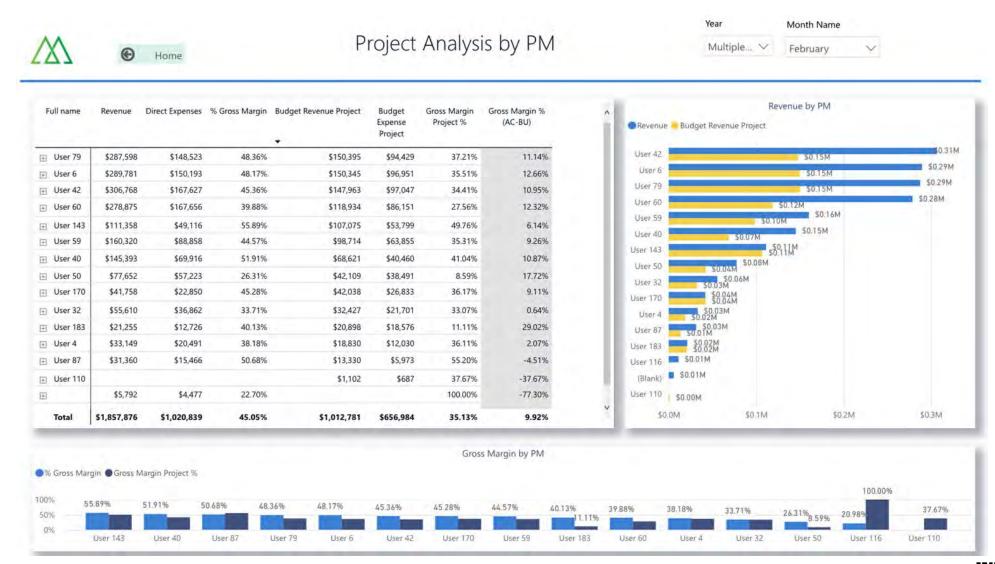


Project Name	Revenue	Direct Expenses	% Gross Margin	Revenue Project	Budget Expense Project	Gross Margin Project %	Gross Margin % (AC-BU)
Project 10	\$55,610	\$36,862	33.71%	\$32,427	\$21,701	33.07%	0.64%
Project 11	\$95,181	\$57,653	39.43%	\$24,323	\$17,384	28.53%	10.90%
Project 12	\$306,768	\$167,627	45.36%	\$147,963	\$97,047	34.41%	10.95%
Project 13	\$2,146	\$5,558	-158.96%			100.00%	-258.96%
Project 15	\$77,652	\$57,223	26.31%	\$42,109	\$38,491	8.59%	17.72%
Project 17	\$49,389	\$28,497	42.30%			100.00%	-57.70%
Project 18	\$22,515	\$12,055	46.46%	\$14,800	\$12,617	14.75%	31.71%
Project 19	\$252,014	\$131,276	47.91%	\$133,065	\$85,664	35.62%	12.29%
Project 21	\$107,483	\$51,142	52.42%	\$55,930	\$30,811	44.91%	7,51%
Project 22	\$3,516	\$2,859	18.69%			100.00%	-81.31%
Project 23	\$31,382	\$16,476	47.50%	\$17,615	\$10,984	37.64%	9.85%
Project 25	\$37,910	\$18,774	50.48%	\$12,691	\$9,649	23.97%	26.51%
Project 27	\$123,335	\$70,973	42.45%	\$57,879	\$38,871	32.84%	9.61%
Project 29	\$9,807	\$6,062	38.18%			100.00%	-61.82%
Project 30	\$146	\$101	31.30%			100.00%	-68.70%
Project 31	\$448	\$448	0.00%			100.00%	-100.00%
Project 32	\$19,882	\$10,183	48.78%			100.00%	-51.22%
Project 34	\$260	\$118	54.59%			100.00%	-45.41%
Project 38	\$619	\$317	48.72%			100.00%	-51.28%
Project 39	\$175	\$69	60.32%			100.00%	-39.68%
Project 40	\$38,304	\$22,260	41.89%	\$19,476	\$12,768	34.44%	7.44%
Project A1	\$22.242	\$14.420	29 19%	¢19.920	\$12.020	26 11%	2.07%
Total	\$1,857,876	\$1,020,839	45.05%	\$1,012,781	\$656,984	35.13%	9.92%





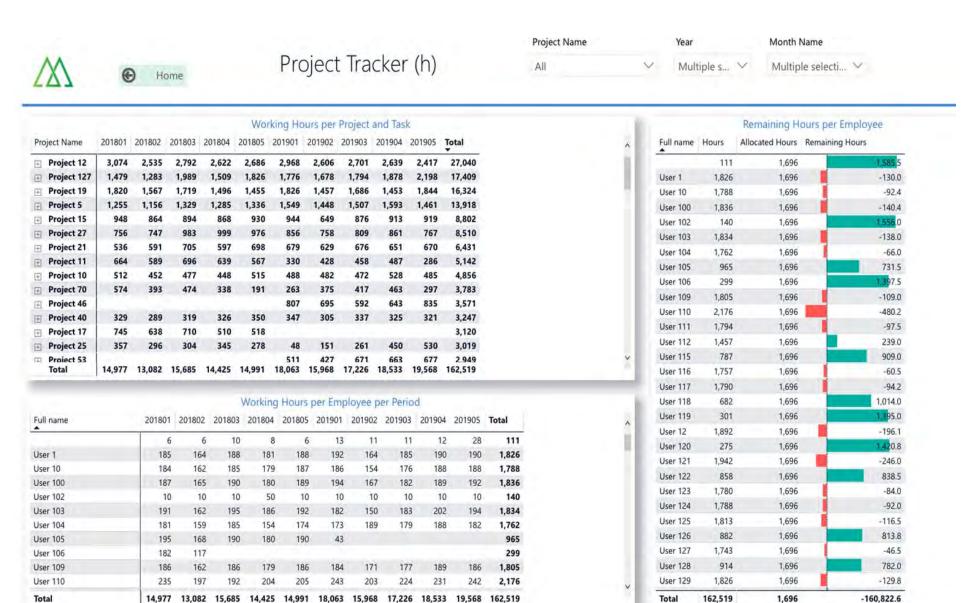
#### Portfolio View







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### Performance Forecasting

	BQE Core Enginee ALLOCATED VS. EARNED REVENUE W	_			
PROJECT		ALLOCATED	AMOUNT	FORECAST	FORECAST
EMPLOYEE	ITEM-DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	USED	AMOUNT	END DATE
20-01 Cadillac Main Bldg.					
Steve Cohen	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$5,850.00	\$877.50	\$4,972.50	7/17/2020
Steve Cohen	Design:Calcs - Design Calculations	\$2,730.00	0(11()	\$2,730.00	10/7/2020
	20-01 Cadillac Main Bldg. TOTAL:	\$71,520.00	\$6,938.75	\$64,581.25	
20-02 Galaxy Ent.					
Curtis James	Design:CAD - Cad Plotting	\$9,800.00	\$675.00	\$9,125.00	10/15/2020
Janet DeMarco	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$7,800.00	80.00	\$7,800.00	6/27/2020
Jason Acosta	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$4,200.00	\$1,102.50	\$3,097.50	11/8/2020
Jennifer Smith	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$3,400.00	\$85.00	\$3,315.00	7/5/2020
Jennifer Smith	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$1,700.00	\$255.00	\$1,445.00	10/14/2020
Linda Dale	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$2,100.00	\$52.50	\$2,047.50	7/11/2020
Linda Dale	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$630.00	\$52.50	\$577.50	10/13/2020
Sally Ryan	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$2,940.00	\$262.50	\$2,677.50	10/18/2020
Sally Ryan	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$1,050.00	0.0.00	\$1,050.00	10/8/2020
Scott Jackson	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$3,400.00	8.0.00	\$3,400.00	6/4/2020
Scott Jackson	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$1,700.00	50.00	\$1,700.00	10/22/2020
Steve Cohen	Meeting:Onsite - Client Meeting	\$7,800.00	\$97.50	\$7,702.50	10/15/2020
Steve Cohen	Survey: - Field Surveying	\$2,925.00	\$292.50	\$2,632.50	10/22/2020
	20-02 Galaxy Ent. TOTAL:	\$49,445.00	\$2,875.00	\$46,570.00	
20-03 PV Country Club					
Curtis James	Design:Drafting - Drafting	\$7,700.00	\$525.00	\$7,175.00	6/22/2020
Curtis James	Design:Blue Prints - Blue Printing	\$3,000.00	\$400.00	\$2,600.00	5/12/2020
Janet DeMarco	Const Admin:Site Meeting - Conference With Contractor	\$10,725.00	\$780.00	\$9,945.00	4/30/2020
Jennifer Smith	Const Admin:Site Meeting - Conference With Contractor	\$7,650.00	\$850.00	\$6,800.00	5/6/2020
Linda Dale	Const Admin:Site Meeting - Conference With Contractor	\$2,100.00	\$255.00	\$1,845.00	5/21/2020
Scott Jackson	Const Admin:Site Meeting - Conference With Contractor	\$3,400.00	\$350.00	\$3,050.00	5/11/2020





#### Person View



Employee	Invoice revenue	▼ Service cost	Total hours	Billable hours	Non billable hours	Employee Billable Utilization %
Janet DeMarco	\$499,687.50	\$311,871.88	2,920.75	2,562.50	358.25	87.73%
Scott Jackson	\$460,838.75	\$278,460.00	2,993.25	2,652.00	341.25	88.60%
Steve Cohen	\$494,715.00	\$266,385.00	2,897.75	2,537.00	360.75	87.55%
Jennifer Smith	\$415,306.25	\$239,747.19	2,774.25	2,481.50	292.75	89.45%
Curtis James	\$284,837.50	\$139,552.00	2,999.50	2,848.00	151.50	94.95%
Sally Ryan	\$262,552.50	\$109,396.88	2,897.50	2,500.50	397.00	86.30%
Linda Dale	\$224,485.00	\$109,287.50	2,790.50	2,498.00	292.50	89.52%
Jason Acosta	\$41,842.50	\$17,434.38	408.50	398.50	10.00	97.55%
Samantha Davis	\$100.00	\$30.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	50.00%
Total	\$2,684,365.00	\$1,472,164.81	20,684.00	18,479.00	2,205.00	89.34%





#### Person View

	Expenses and a	actual hours entry date	Project	
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BQE Core Engineering EMPLOYEE DETAILS



Employee	yee Invoiced revenue Service cost		Billable hours	Billable hours All hours		Employee Billable Utilization %	Tooltip Ver. 1
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ason Acosta	\$41,842.50	\$17,434.38	398.50	408.50	408.75	97.55%	Client name
ennifer Smith	\$415,306.25	\$239,747.19	2,481.50	2,774.25	2,774.25	89.45%	Search
inda Dale	\$22 Billable vs N	ion biliable hours by Year-Month Year Month Employee biliable	Margine of DENALI	2,790.50	2,790.50	89.52%	Tarrest Class Communication
ally Ryan	\$262 2016 08	12\ 12\ 2017.03   1045% A		2,897.50	2,897.50	86.30%	Arclight Theaters
teve Cohen	\$494 2018-06	100 9 2917-06 9720% V	\$13,372.81 \$12,020.31	2,897.75	2,897.75	87,55%	СВН
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urtis James	\$284 2018-02	107 13 2018-01 10 169: V	\$6,606.25 \$1,347.79	2,999.50	2,999.50	94.95%	Dynamic Autos
otal	\$2,684 2017-12	160 25 2016-06 97-529 X	\$4398.18 \$109,287.50	20,684.00	20,684.25	89.34%	Galaxy Ent.
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#### Whole Person View

#### **BQE Core Engineering**

#### EMPLOYEE REALIZATION RATE

Drill down is enabled. Invoiced records only, Billable and non-billable records included. Realization rate is time billed vs. Client hours												
HOURS	CLIENT	AVERAGE BILL RATE	AVERAGE WUD	TIME	REALIZATION RATE	REALIZ. VS AVG BILL RATE	9					
2,771.75	2,772.75	\$100.01	1.49	\$386,676.93	\$139.46	\$39.45	28,299					
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360.25	360.50	\$105.13	1,00	\$37,777.79	\$104,79	(\$0.34)	-0.32 9					
2,438.00	2,438.00	\$167.26	0.97	\$382,108.96	\$156.73	(\$10.53)	-6.72 9					
2,455.25	2,455.25	\$89.57	0.98	\$210,646.46	\$85.79	(\$3.77)	4,409					
2,451.25	2,451.25	\$105.00	0.97	\$240,827.02	\$98.25	(\$6.75)	-6,879					
2.00	2,00	\$100.00	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	-100.009					
2,568.75	2,568.75	\$173.98	0.97	\$417,477.75	\$162.52	(\$11.46)	-7.05 9					
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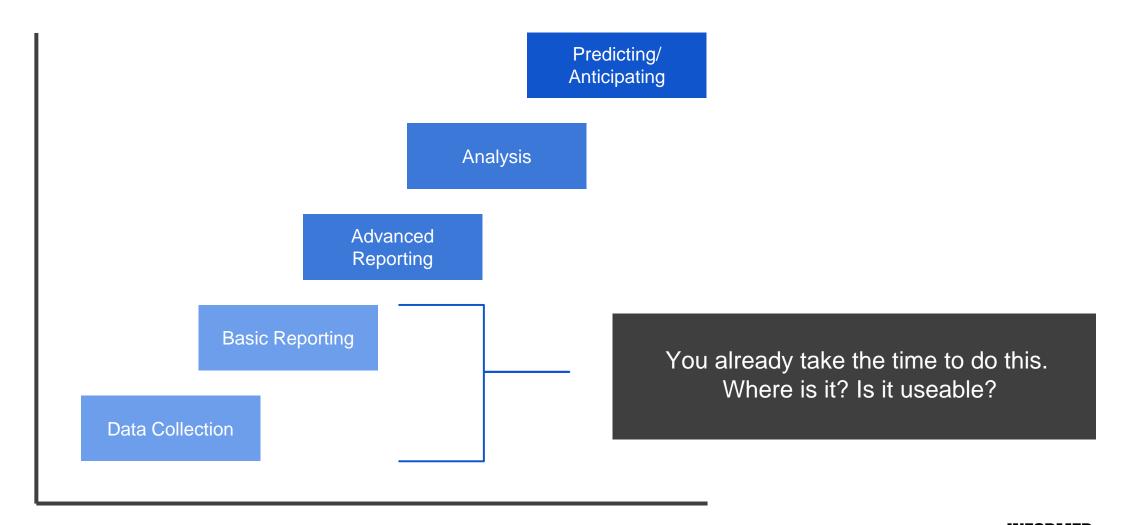
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## Maturing the **Proactive** Approach







## Recap of Proactive Management

1

Use data to predict and impact outcomes.

2

Present insights visually and share with relevant people.

3

Set up alerts to know when something goes off track.







## Capture and Bill ALL Revenue Earned









Figures And investing

#### Workers Are Bad at Filling Out Timesheets, and It Costs Billions a Day

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You probably spend a huge amount of your time at work on email - most of us do. And we're pretty aware of the costs: distraction, intrusion into our personal lives, and so on. But for consultants, lawyers... and others who work in professional services, there's often another, more direct cost: the loss of billable hours.

That's the conclusion of a recent study from AffinityLive, a company that specializes in professional services automation, Surveying 500 workers last summer, the firm calculated that each person lost \$50,000 per year in revenue due to insufficient tracking of emails with clients and others. In total, "almost 40% of respondents reported never tracking time spent reading and answering email," with only 33% of respondents

#### Harvard Business Review

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Source: https://hbr.org/2015/01/workersare-bad-at-filling-out-time she ets-and-it-costs-billionsa-day





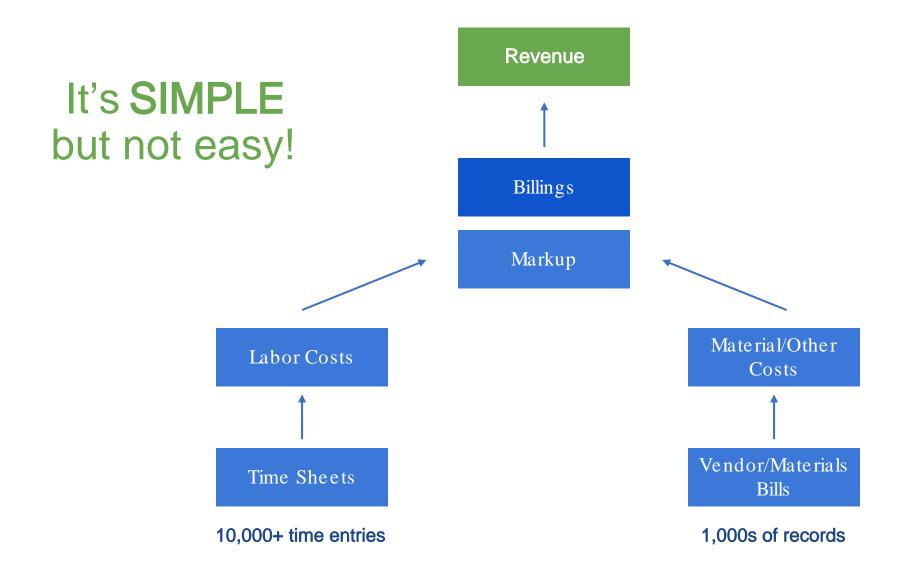
## How do you capture EVERYTHING

- → Integrated system(s).
- → High compliance.
- → Human error detection people make mistakes.





#### From data to revenue







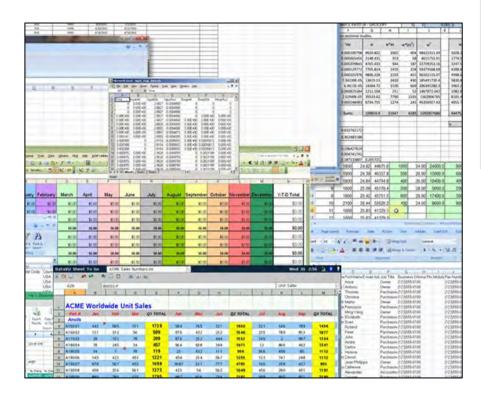
#### What we see at clients

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Software 1

Software 3





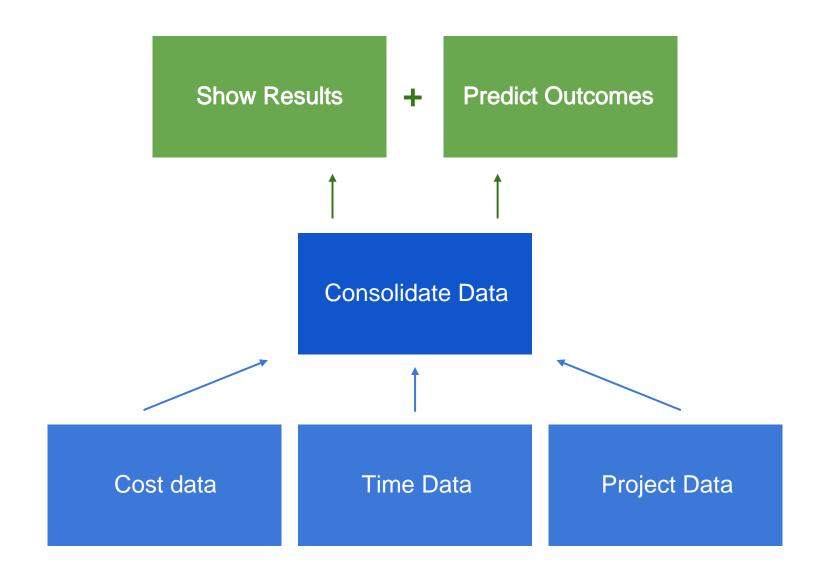
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	Year Ended December 31,							
	12.0	2015		2016		2017		
Net product sales	S	79,268	S	94,665	5	118,573		
Net service sales		27,738		41,322		59,293		
Total net sales		107,006		135,987		177,866		
Operating expenses:								
Cost of sales		71,651		88,265		111,934		
Fulfillment		13,410		17,619		25.249		
Marketing		5,254		7,233		10,069		
Technology and content		12,540		16,085		22,620		
General and administrative		1.747		2,432		3,674		
Other operating expense, net		171		167		214		
Total operating expenses		104,773		131,801		173,760		
Operating income		2,233		4,186		4,106		
Interest income		50		100		202		
Interest expense		(459)		(484)		(848)		
Other income (expense), net		(256)		90		346		
Total non-operating income (expense)		(665)		(294)		(300)		
Income before income taxes		1,568		3,892		3,806		
Provision for income taxes		(950)		(1,425)		(769)		
Equity-method investment activity, net of tax		(22)		(96)		(4)		
Net income	5	596	S	2,371	S	3,033		
Basic earnings per share	S	1.28	S	5.01	S	6.32		
Diluted earnings per share	S	1.25	S	4.90	S	6.15		
Weighted-average shares used in computation of earnings per share:								
Basic	7.5	467		474		480		
Diluted		477		484		493		





## An Integrated System







## **Entry Compliance**

- Reminders
- Missing time sheet report
- Missing hours report and alert
- Compliance leaderboard
- Actual vs. planned exception report
- Integrated approval process





## **Detecting Errors**

- Integrated approval process
- Exception reporting
- Anomaly detection
- Actual vs. planned exception report
- Accuracy leaderboard





## A word about getting paid for out-of-scope:

Who do you think gets paid for all of their out-of-scope work?

#### **Company A**

- Find all changes at the end of the project.
- Bill the customer for all changes at the end

#### **Company B**

- Captures/alerts about changes as they happen
- Present a change order estimate/approval form to customer
- Bill customer immediately





## Recap of Billing Capture

1

Revenue leakage has a significant impact on revenue.

2

Capturing everything requires data integration, team compliance, and error detection.

3

Bill for change orders fast and often.





#### Conclusion

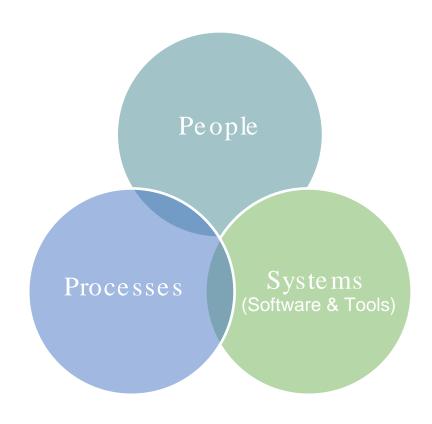
- → Your accounting software has major impact on revenue growth.
- → Your data has to be integrated and accessible to those that need it to make informed decisions.
- → Reporting, predictive analytics, and alerts allow your firm to operate proactively.



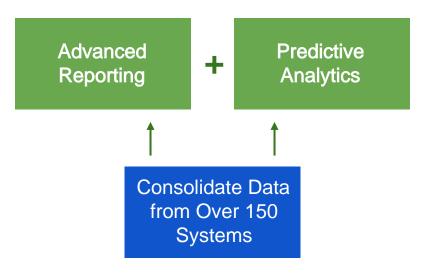


### About **Denali**?

#### Consulting



#### **Add-on Application**







#### About **BQE**?

Integrated system that allows you to manage your entire firm in one place

- Time and Expense Tracking
- Project Management
- Billing
- Accounting
- Human Resources

Example problems my clients look toBQE to solve:

- Managers don't have the visibility and the information they need to to make their projects the best they can be
- Invoicing takes too long and prone to errors





#### Poll 2

## How would you like to learn more about how BQE CORE can help you grow your revenue?

- → I'd like to sign up for a free trial.
- → I'd like to speak with a representative.
- → I'd like to request a demo.
- → I do not wish to learn more at this time.





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