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Process, Platform, People

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Economists are divided on the risk of a U.S. recession. And the jobs data isn't helping (cnbc.com)

Delayed raises and renovations: Small businesses face new uncertainties

Mixed messages about the economy are making it difficult for business owners to figure out how to proceed. "It's one **Washington Post**

US Economy Faces 'Lot of Uncertainty' in Coming Year, White House's Deese Says

US Economy Flashes Signals of Hope and Concern **Advisor Perspectives** in Mixed Data

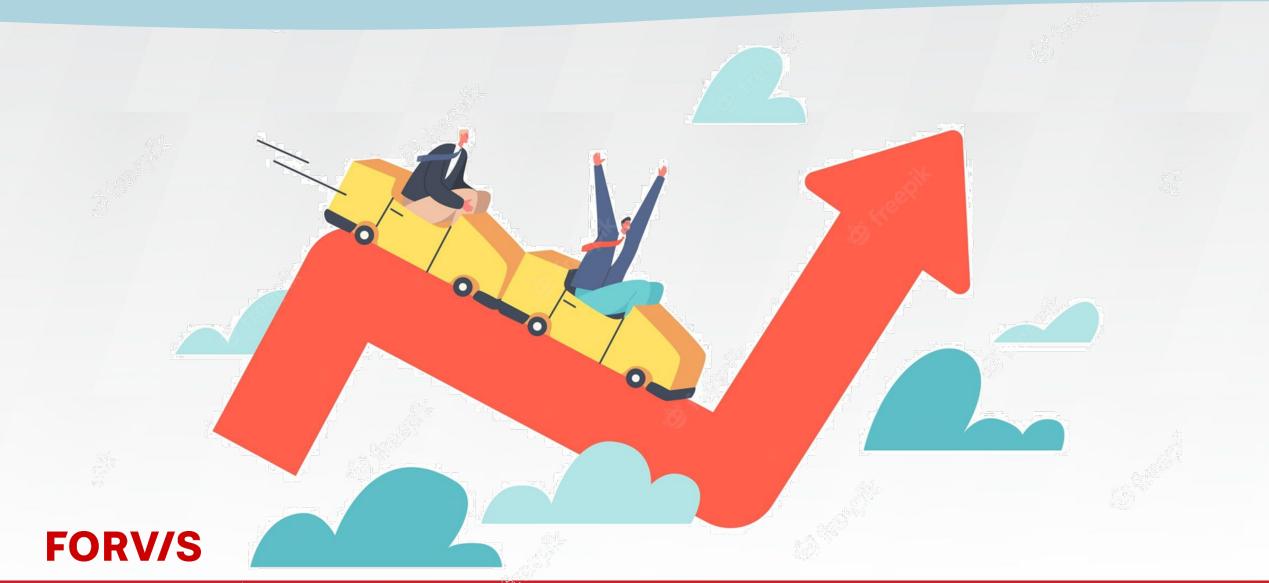
Economic Uncertainty





managing uncertainty - Marketoonist | Tom Fishburne

Economic Environment



How to Gain Efficiencies in Your Accounting Operations



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How to Gain Efficiencies in Your Accounting Operations Assess the Current Processes



Understand the "Why" of Processes



"Because that's how we've always done it"



Assess the Current Processes

Understand the "Why" of Processes



What to evaluate?

What do I look at?

What to ask yourself?



Month End





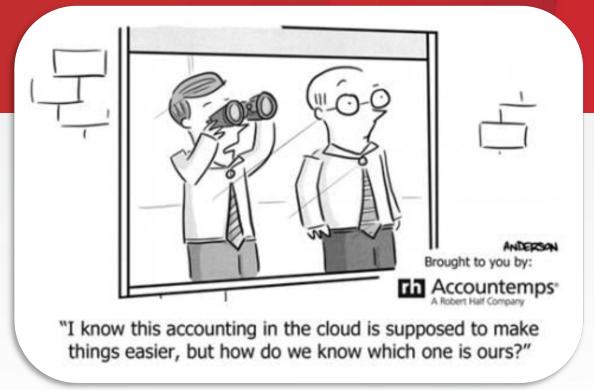
Assess the Current Processes



- 1. Chart of Accounts
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- 3. Analysis of results
- 4. For our Nonprofit friends Uniform Guidance impact
- 5. Preventive vs. Detective & Compensating Internal Controls
- 6. Record retention & document support

How to Gain Efficiencies in Your Accounting Operations Leverage Technology







https://www.roberthalf.com/blog/management-tips/8-jokes-to-make-you-laugh-warning-accounting-humor



Leverage Technology

Automation

- To work around or not work around
- Optimize use of your GL System
- Evaluation of add-on technology/platforms
- Excel

~~~Most important of all, do not procrastinate any longer for fear of the front-end time commitment. In nearly every automation case, the leader walks away saying, "I should have done that sooner."~~~~



Leverage Technology

## Go Paperless



### **Use Communication Platforms**

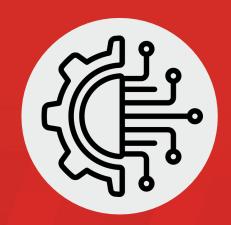












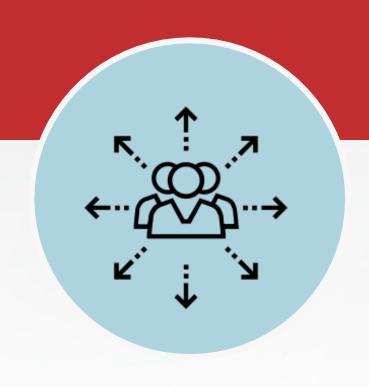
Leverage Technology

## Implementation

**Training** 



# How to Gain Efficiencies in Your Accounting Operations Utilize Resources





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## Utilize Resources

# Rethink In-House Current Roles & Staff

- Job Descriptions vs. Job Creep
- Evaluate if tasks are aligned with the proper level of experience
- Highest & best use
- Is the task in the right department?
- Capacity



### Utilize Resources

#### **Outsource Business Functions**

- 1. Outsourced vs. Co-sourced
- 2. Interim or longer-term solution
- 3. Cost vs. Benefit



# Outsourcing Pros&Cons

You benefit from working with a team of seasoned professionals

Services are scalable & flexible

Outsourcing your accounting function can increase automation & efficiencies

Cost savings

Lack of accessibility

Changes in services may result in additional fees/costs

You have less direct control & oversight over people & workpapers

Security risks

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## Questions?

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