Productivity in finance: What wastes the most time?

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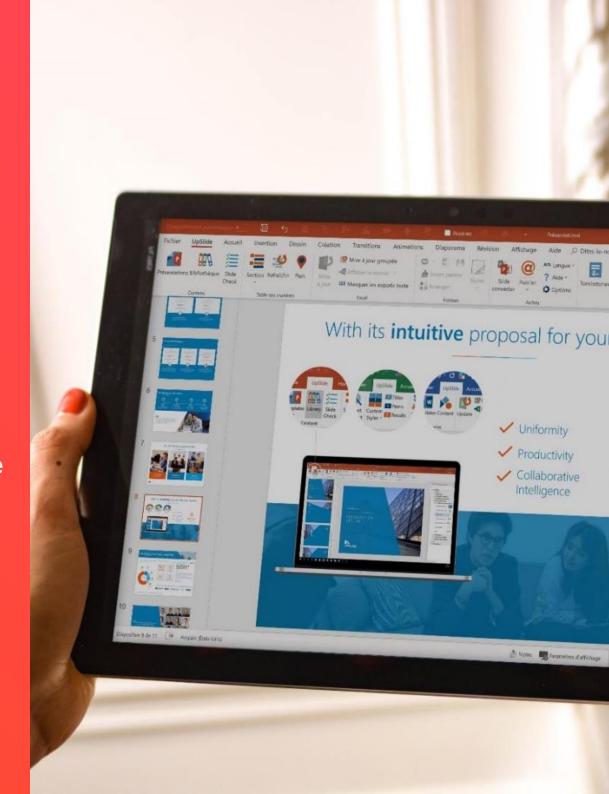


Productivity in Finance

THE STUDY'S METHODOLOGY

CSA and UpSlide surveyed a sample of financial and insurance industry professionals who use the Microsoft Office suite.

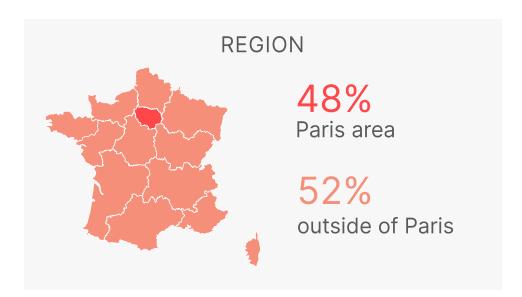
The 178 participants from the CSA panel completed a 15-minute online questionnaire.

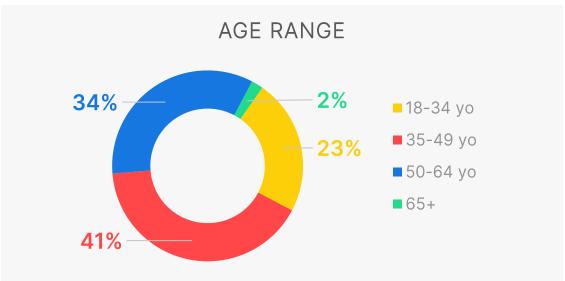


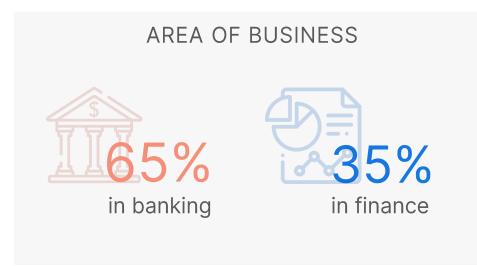
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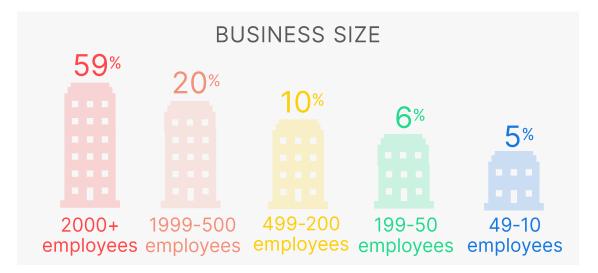


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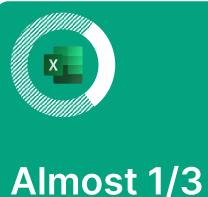






Microsoft **Excel** and **PowerPoint** take up a considerable amount of finance professionals' time.

With more than a billion users worldwide, Office applications have become a necessity. However, the result of all these efforts is not always satisfactory or reliable for financial professionals.



of people surveyed said they spent 4+ hours every day on Excel. Around 4% spend 8 hours every day.



Almost 10% spend 6 hours every day.



More than 70% spend around 2 hours every day.



90% of finance professionals spend up to 2 hours each day on PowerPoint.



However, close to 70%

of them say they are not completely satisfied by the structure of their reports.



And for 78% complying with their graphic charter is a pre-requisite for their deliverables.

Most of the time spent in Office is taken up with low-value and repetitive tasks.



69%



of participants format tables and graphs daily on Excel.



20%

do this up to 10 times per day

More than 80% of them proofread documents every day to find any mistakes.

70%



check that formulas on Excel are correct, every single day.



Therefore, there is a considerable efficiency loss amongst employees in finance.

The results reveal a deep frustration amongst financial professionals caused by the low value-added tasks they perform every day, and the amount of time spent on them.



X

62%

say that low value-added tasks make them late for scheduled deadlines.

For 77% of people,

this is an obstacle which stops them spending more time on higher value-added tasks.



Today, 50% of finance professionals consider low value tasks to be highly detrimental to their productivity.

This has a real impact on the well-being of finance professionals



The well-being of employees is ultimately affected by this dissatisfaction, linked both to the loss of time and to the unfulfilling nature of these low value-added tasks.





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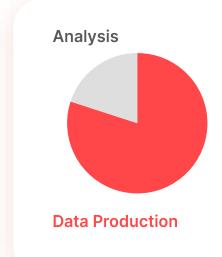
of people surveyed consider themselves overqualified to complete these tasks.

More than 70% of finance professionals feel stressed on a daily basis.

Therefore, 86% of finance professionals don't think they have enough time to concentrate on their core profession.

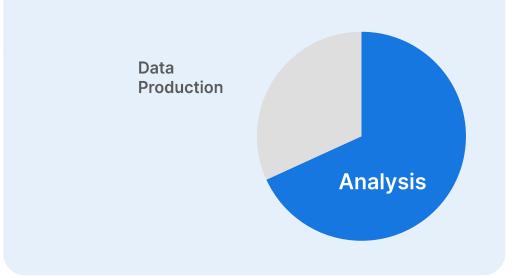


Conclusion: there is a need to automate the most repetitive and time-consuming tasks.



Today, 56% of Finance Directors estimate that their teams still spend 80% of their time producing data and 20% analyzing it.

Those who invested in automation tools say that they now spend 75% analyzing, compared to 47% 5 years ago.



Source: "2020 Priorities Finance Director", PwC, December 2019



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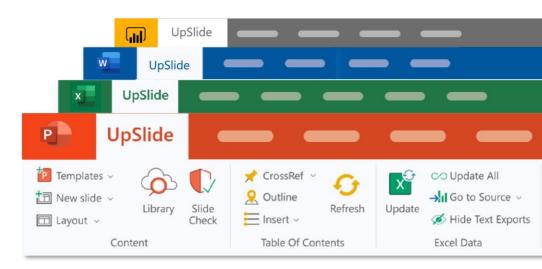
by automating the most repetitive tasks on Microsoft Office.











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