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Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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EVIDENCE

Read the context before applying a figure. Published data describes its own population or test, not 48PEGASUS client outcomes.

Business case and evidence

Executive summary

Reliable automation moves routine work across systems without requiring staff to copy records or remember the next handoff. The starting point is a stable rule and one system that owns each field, not a model or connector.

Why a business needs it

When bookings, leads, and job records are rekeyed across apps, work can go missing and mismatched values become harder to resolve. Automate predictable transfers and routing; retain people for disputes, eligibility decisions and ambiguous data.

1,001 in production [S1]

A FY2021 U.S. federal robotic process automation survey reported 1,001 automations in production. This is historical federal program scale, not small-business savings or a guarantee for API integration.

Three delivery models [S3]

[*REDACTED*] documentation distinguishes at-most-once, at-least-once and exactly-once message delivery. These describe message behavior, not a guaranteed final result when a workflow calls other systems.

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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

Map a bounded workflow, connect approved systems with documented interfaces, configure validation and alerts, and hand off a runbook and fallback. AI is optional; fixed rules are usually better when the logic is known.

Map the handoff

Define the trigger, source system, destination, expected result and record owner.

Build for repeat delivery

Use test records, stable event identifiers and validations. Prevent retry from creating a duplicate booking or task. Send persistent errors to a named owner.

Reconcile before rollout

Compare expected and actual records during a parallel run. Test unavailable apps and restore the manual path before expanding volume.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Route a website inquiry

After the form validates the required fields, save a single lead in the CRM, assign it to the right team and create a follow-up due time. Route malformed or ambiguous entries into a queue rather than silently dropping them.

Move a job from approved to scheduled

When an authorized staff member marks a job approved, create a scheduling task and update the source record with its reference. Leave pricing or assignment exceptions for staff.

Use APIs where the app supports them

An official API gives a steadier contract than screen automation based on labels and clicks. If no interface is available, compare the cost of manual handoff with the maintenance burden of a fragile connector.

Run in parallel before switching off manual work

Start with one trigger and one team. Reconcile every expected result against the destination for an agreed test window. Treat successful API responses as an intermediate signal, not proof of a complete outcome.

Illustrative: check net, not gross time

At 500 monthly transfers and two minutes avoided per transfer, gross time released is 16.7 hours. Subtract 25 exceptions × four minutes and three maintenance hours: about 12 net hours. Use observed successful transfers and actual review time when validating.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

On-time completion

Eligible events completed correctly within the time limit ÷ eligible events.

Duplicate outcome rate

Unexpected repeated business outcomes ÷ successful unique events.

Net staff time released

Avoided manual handling less review, exception handling and maintenance time.

Future outlook

As apps and vendors change, keep portable event definitions and a readable failure ledger. New AI steps should be bounded by the same event, review and reconciliation controls.

Boundaries and limitations

Not every app has stable or permitted integration access. A vendor’s delivery guarantee does not prove that the business outcome happened exactly once.

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