

# USING PROCESS MINING AT INTERNAL AUDIT

*„Turning Data into Knowledge“*

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# Introducing Deutsche Post DHL Group



Deutsche Post DHL  
Group

Group

**Group revenues<sup>1)</sup>: € 59.2bn Group EBIT<sup>1)</sup>: € 2.411bn Market capitalization<sup>2)</sup>: € 31.5bn**  
Approximately 500,000 employees in more than 220 countries/territories

Corporate  
Divisions

**Post -  
eCommerce-  
Parcel**

61m letters and 3.9m parcels each workday in Germany: 28,000 points of sale, 2,750 Packstations, 33 parcel and 82 mail sorting centers. Parcel delivery in selected international markets

**Express**

Global Time-Definite-International (TDI) leader with 34% market share, serving >2.5m customers in >220 countries and territories 3.8m tons run through virtual airline network

**Global  
Forwarding  
Freight**

World's largest Air and 2nd largest Ocean freight forwarder: 2.3m tons of air freight/ 2.9m TEU<sup>3)</sup> of ocean freight in 2014. No 2 European road freight

**Supply Chain**

Global market leader, market share of 7.4% well ahead next biggest competitors: 13.7m square meters of DHL owned or leased warehouse space

Brands



1) Financial year 2015; 2) As of 12/31/2015; 3) TEU = Twenty-foot equivalent unit



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# Introducing Post - eCommerce - Parcel



82 mail sorting centers in Germany

Allyouneed  
MARKTPLATZ

3.9 million parcels per day

33 parcel sorting centers in Germany

29.000 shops in Germany



Deutsche Post DHL  
Group

> 60 millions letters per day

Corporate Center

>44 million delivery addresses



Fresh  
Allyouneed  
SUPERMARKT

Deutsche Post 



Die Post für Deutschland

The logistics company  
for the world

>47.000 vehicles

Since 2014: expansion to  
8 European countries



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## Introducing Internal Audit

**Internal audit** is an independent, objective assurance and consulting function designed to add value and improve an organization's operations.

### Audit subjects:

- organization governance
- risk management
- management controls
- efficiency/effectiveness of operations
- safeguarding of assets
- the reliability of financial and management reporting
- compliance with laws and regulations

### Audit methods:

- Interviews
- Onsite visits
- Collection information
- Process walk through
- Sampling
- Data analysis
- **Process Mining ?**

## Data driven auditing - opportunities and challenges

**Challenge:** The process complexity and the amount of data is increasing, **sample testing is inadequately**

**Opportunity:** Data analysis can increase efficiency and effectiveness (speed, depth)

**Challenge:** The process complexity and the amount of data is increasing, **effort for data analysis is very high**

**Opportunity:** Usage of innovative methods to optimize the most time consuming activities



*Usage of process mining methods and tools*



## Stop: Is there a need for data driven auditing?

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### § 91 Abs. 2 Aktiengesetz:

German companies act requires that the board establishes a working Internal Control System. One the components is an Internal Audit organization.

By conducting a precise data analysis the efficiency and effectively of Internal audit can be raised. This leads to higher information content which serve the basis for reliable business decisions by management.

### International Standards by the IIA require the usage of data analysis

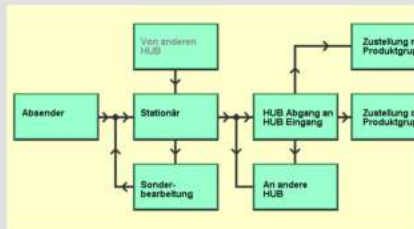
Institute of Internal Auditors Standard No. 1220.A2:

*„In exercising due professional care internal auditors must consider the use of technology-based audit and other data analysis techniques.“*

**Using data analysis is not optional for internal audit,  
but internal audit can decide which methodology or tool will be used.**

## Example process mining projects

### system interfaces



Analyzing the **control effectiveness** of interfaces between two systems

### parcel delivery process



Analyzing the **efficiency** of the parcel delivery process

### audit process



Analyzing the **quality** of our audit process

*All data in the following examples were anonymised or reduced*

# EXAMPLE 1

Analyzing the **control effectiveness** of interfaces between two systems



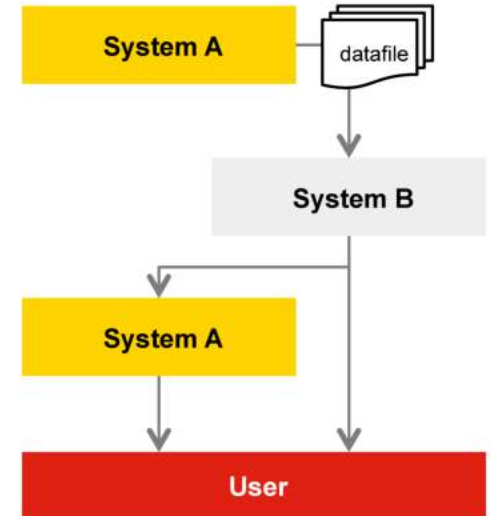
## Example: Interface Testing

**Objective:** End-to End process audit of data transfer from System A to System B .

**Data source:** System A (operational data, 7 tables), System B (Logfile, flat file)

**Procedure:**

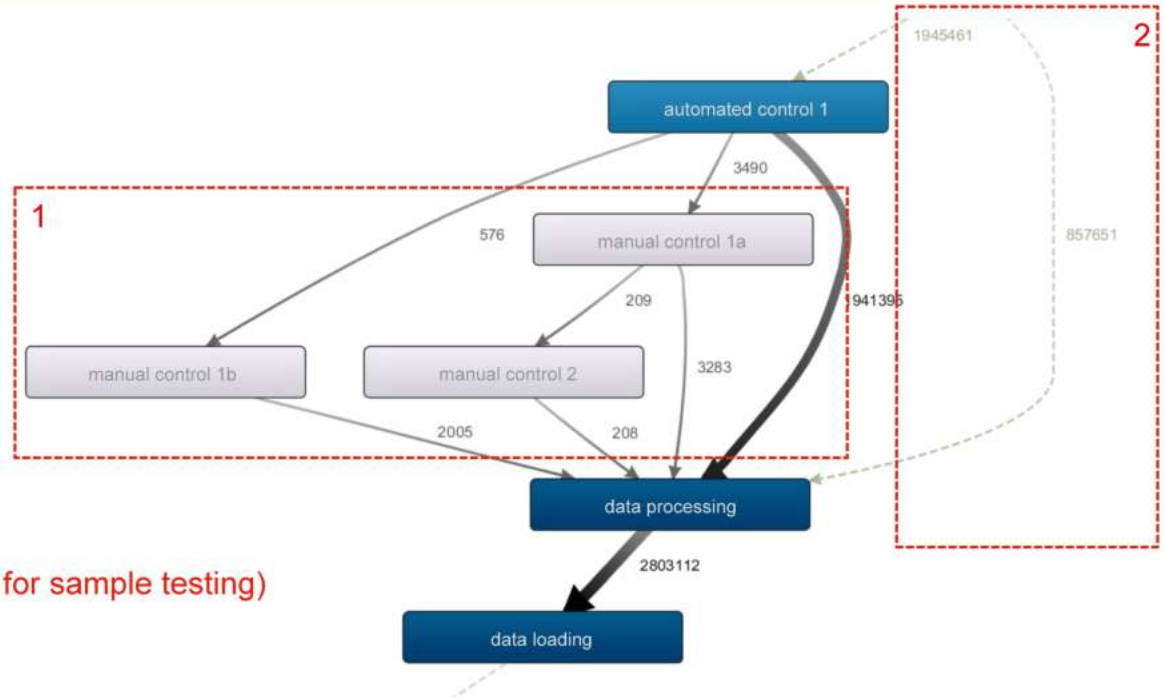
1. Import of data in data analysis tool
2. Identification of all fields with dates and assignment of process steps to time-stamps
3. Creation of a sequential logfile (every event in one line incl. time-stamp and activity)
4. Visualization of the process via DISCO
5. Identification of conspicuous process variation in DISCO
6. Re-import of conspicuous cases in data analysis tool und further analysis



## Example: Interface Testing

### Knowledge of the process:

- It has to be ensured that all datasets in system A were checked by an automated control.
- This control is implemented in system B.
- There are also manual controls.



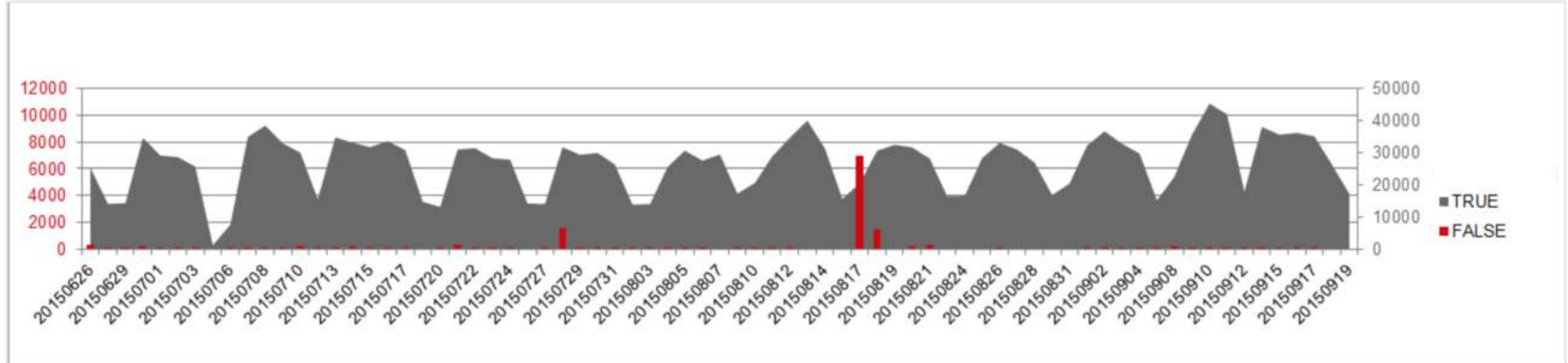
### Results:

- 1.) Number of manual processing (= basis for sample testing)
- 2.) Circumvention of automated control.

## Example: Interface Testing

In a second step we exported the suspicious transactions into ACL:

- Based on the information gained in the process mining analysis target-oriented analysis could be performed in ACL to get more information about the reasons.
- As a result we could identify that there was a problem with an IT-interface at 3 days:



# EXAMPLE 2

Analyzing the **efficiency** of the parcel delivery process

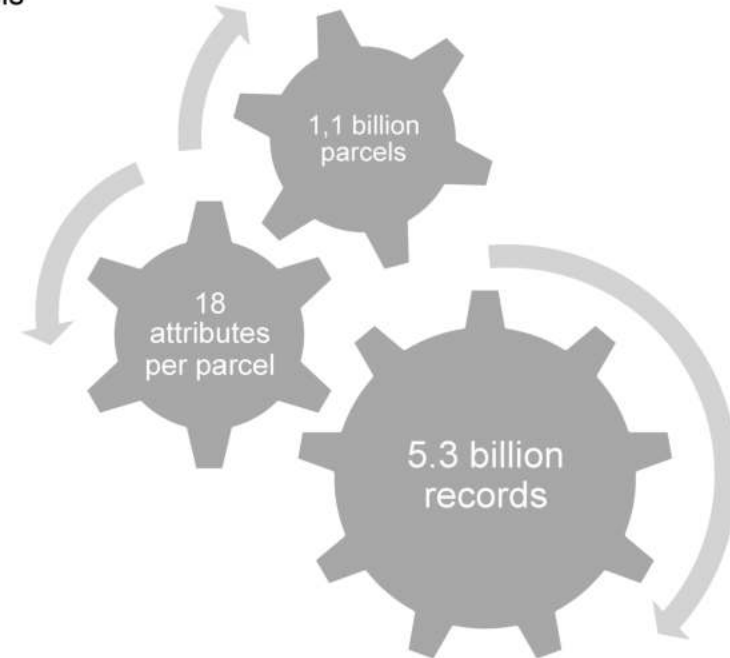
## Example: Interface Testing

**Objective:** Identification of inefficiency handling during the delivery of parcels

**Data source:** Parcel Tracking Systems, 9 Tables, 5.3 billion records

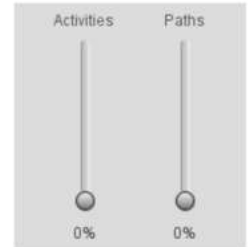
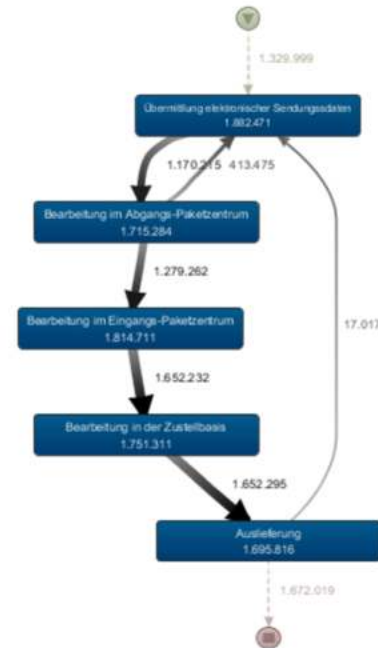
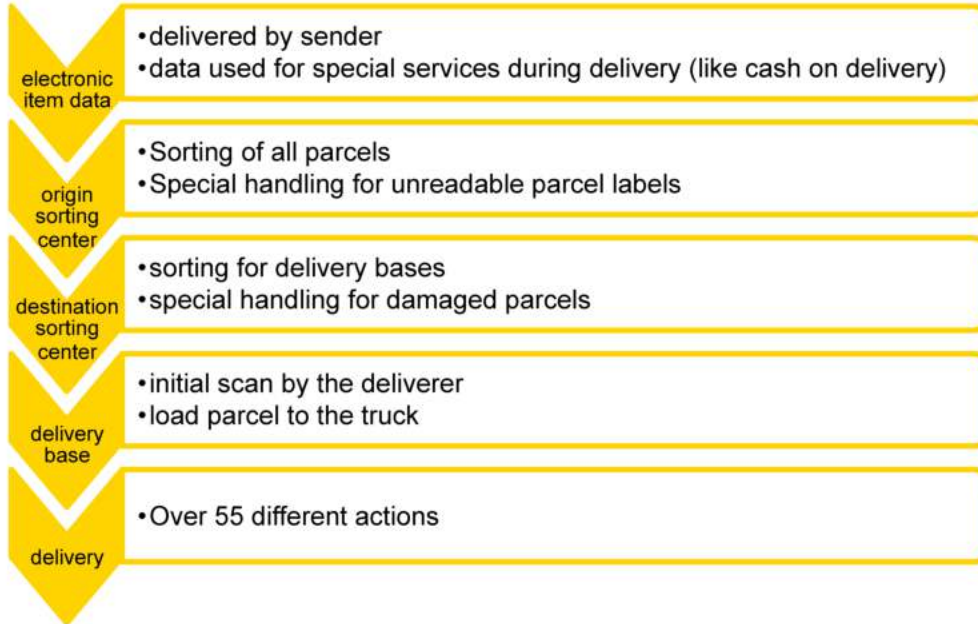
**Procedure:**

1. Import of data in data analysis tool
2. Assignment of process steps to time-stamps
3. Creation of a sequential logfile
4. Generate a sample logfile with 100 million records
5. Develop and save the DISCO recipes
6. Load the full logfile
7. Re-import of conspicuous cases in ACL und further analysis in ACL

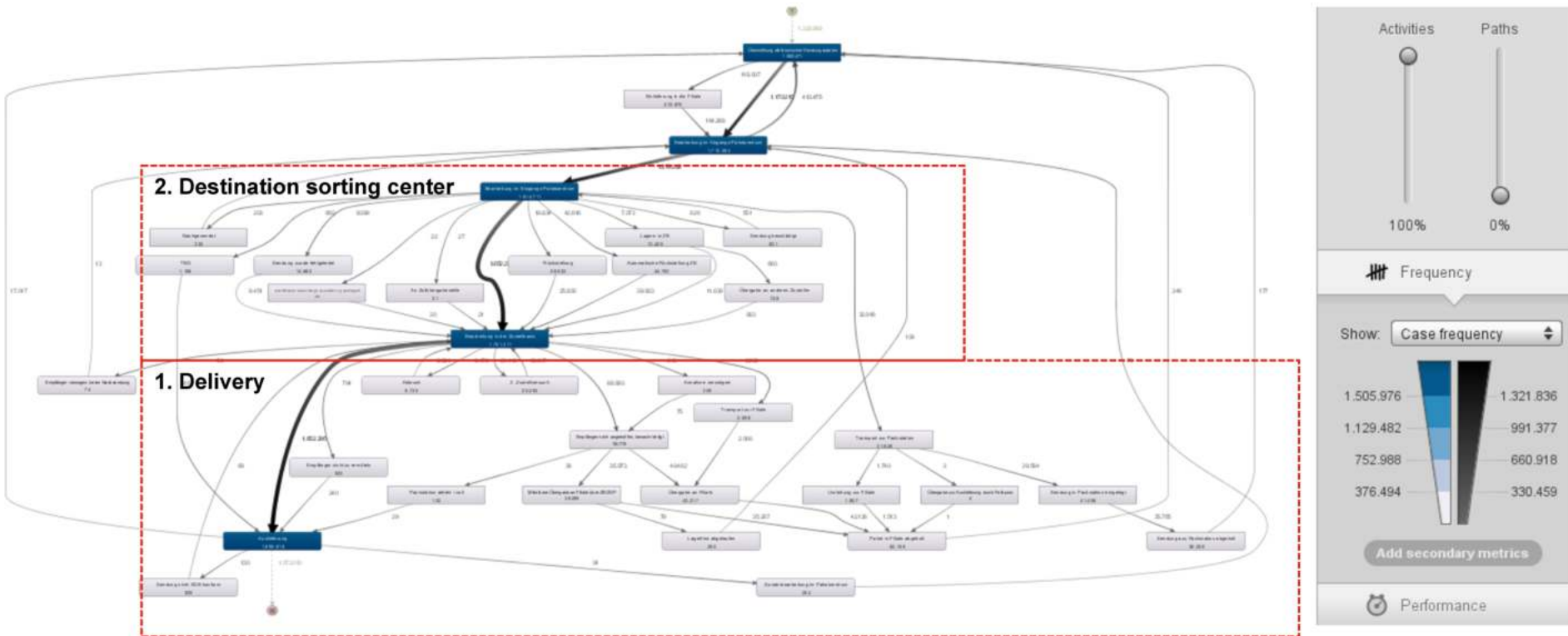


## Example: parcel delivery process

### Minimal detail level showed target process:







Most activities during delivery<sup>(1)</sup>, as expected. But also many process steps in the destination sorting center<sup>(2)</sup>.

## Example: parcel delivery process

**Good news:** most of the cases are following the target process, lets focus on the other cases that require more effort



## Example: parcel delivery process

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Now, lets peel the onion....



- eliminate all cases that are following the target process
- trim the process (start at destination sorting center)
- filter and improve all cases with data quality issues
- and lets do it all again...

## Example: parcel delivery process

### Results / findings:

1.) Long storage of parcels at the delivery base after delivery attempt



Filters used: Follower Filter with time option:

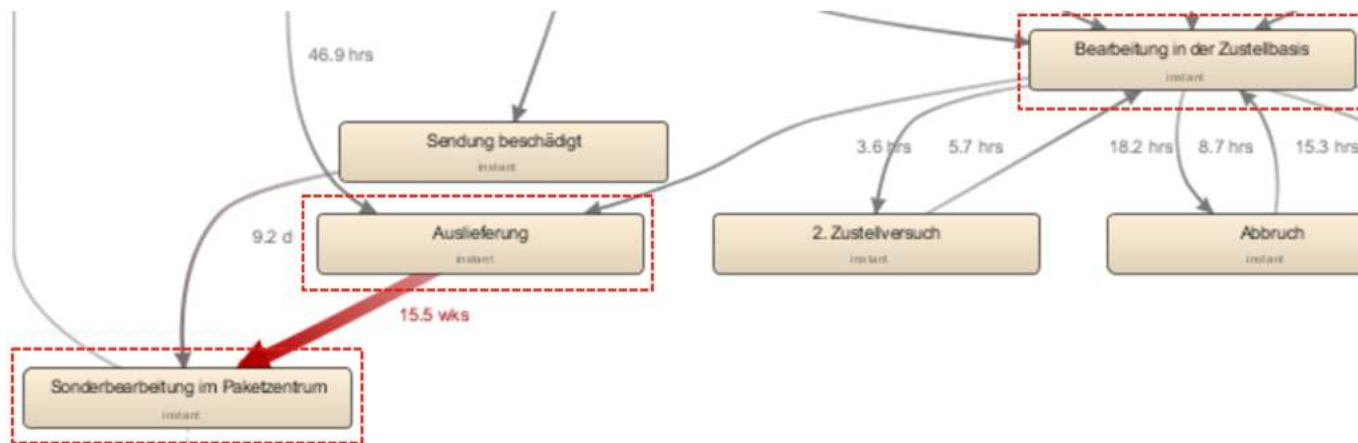
Time between matching events must be longer than 2 days

*Suggestion for improvement : Filter for specific days to exclude cases including weekends*

## Example: parcel delivery process

### Results / findings:

#### 2.) Special handling of parcels after delivery attempt



# EXAMPLE 3

Analyzing the **quality** of our audit process



## Example: audit process



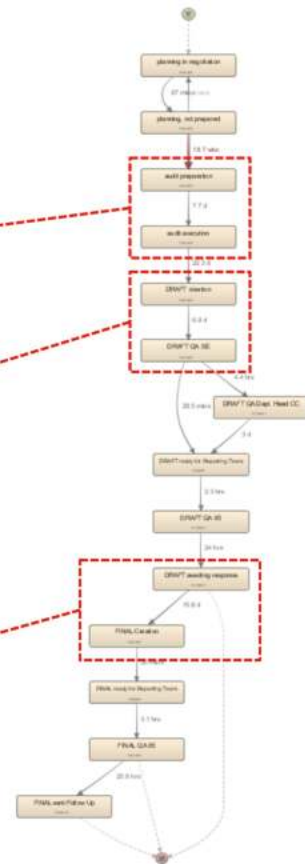
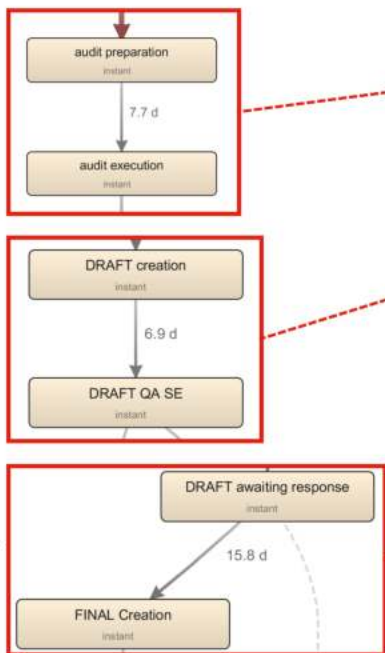
According to the audit process standards, the preparation phase should last a week.



According to the audit process standards, the draft report should be ready after a week.



According to the audit process standards, the business units have two weeks for a management response.



## Conclusion

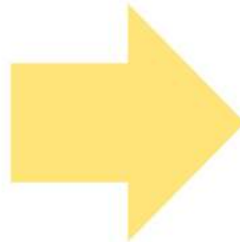
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### With process mining, internal audit can:

- speed up the data analysis cycle
- discover audit subjects and risk within business processes no one has ever thought about
- improve the quality of audit results
- visualize results in a more appealing way for the management



collecting process information



generating process information

# THANK YOU

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