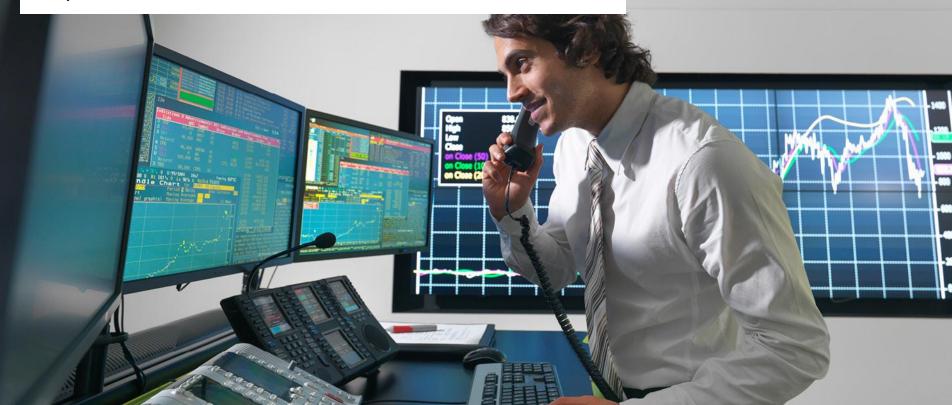
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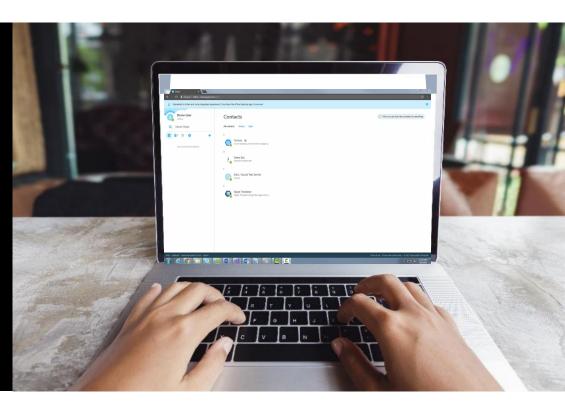
The partner of choice for innovation and transformation in the insurance industry.

We offer a powerful combination of advisory services for insurance companies, integrated with technology solutions and market-leading software that is underpinned by unparalleled analytical capabilities.

# **Driving Innovation**

It is all about the consumer...

AMAZON AND GOOGLE
HAVE CHANGED
CONSUMER
EXPECTATIONS



**Technology, Sophistication, and Automation** 

Insurance industry themes and market trends

- Insurtech and technology investments:
  - Improve interconnectivity of systems
  - Shift towards digital platforms to improve business processes
  - Increases consumer engagement and satisfaction
  - Makes it possible to gather more data than ever



- Advanced analytics unlocks the value from technology investments:
  - Prioritizing back room operations
  - Streamlining the underwriting process
  - Understanding policyholder behavior
  - Targeting distribution and prospects
  - Designing products that maximize cross sell
  - Claims triaging and optimization
- Operational effectiveness connects solutions
  - Speed to market
  - Workflow automation and expense reduction
  - Process improvements through connectivity

#### Example applications

- Vehicles UBI, proactive maintenance
- Home energy monitoring, security/fire/flood alarms, metrics collection
- Person fitness management, smartphone services
- Container tracking, livestock monitoring
- Industrial process monitoring

# Solutions needs to support strategy

## Customer experience – growth - innovation

Internal and external solutions have to align with core strategy

#### **Customer Experience**

- Technology provides more data about the customer to develop individual solutions that maximize engagement
- Individual solutions use analytics that are less transparent
- Key solutions in aligning customer strategy with technology solutions: single customer views, underwriting, pricing, and claims

#### Growth

- Successful expansion into new regions and classes through a test and learn strategy
- Need to exercise caution especially with uncertainty in regulation or newer class
- Key solutions to grow prudently: broader market knowledge and experience

#### **Innovation**

- Impact and integration with all infrastructure – both legacy and modern
- Effectiveness requires deployment with accuracy and speed in a real time framework
- Key solutions to improve decision making: Efficiently connecting analytics to systems to deliver underwriting workbenches and real time decision engines

# Innovation driving analytics and customer engagement

## Artificial intelligence – sounds exciting!!

- McKinsey: Tech giants invest \$30Bn in Al R&D in 2016
- Accenture: Financial Services companies investing in AI could boost revenue by 32% within 5 years
- Multiple disruptive opportunities in insurance:
  - Enhanced understanding of customer and risk
  - Automation of First Notice of Loss processing
  - Tailored robo-advise
  - Underwriting automation
  - Fraud detection

#### Google

The last 10 years have been about building a world that is mobile-first ... but in the next 10 years, we will shift to a world that is Alfirst, a world where computing becomes universally available — be it at home, at work, in the car, or on the go.

Sundar Pichai, CEO Google

#### **Microsoft**

Our strategy is to build best-in-class platforms and productivity services for an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge infused with artificial intelligence ("AI")

Microsoft's vision statement (2017 10-K Filing)

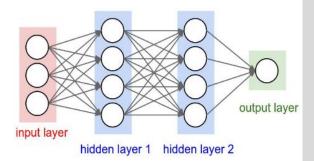


- Deep Learning
- Multi-Agent Systems
- Automated Planning and Scheduling

# Innovation driving analytics and customer engagement

#### Artificial intelligence – what is it...really

- Large scale neural network (often millions of nodes and many layers)
- Recursion and non-linearity
- Many network architectures supporting a diversity of applications
- Single learning operation replaces feature extraction and modelling



#### **Convolutional Neural Networks**

- Optimized for image analysis
- Network learns at multiple levels of abstraction (e.g. edge, wheel, car)
- Advanced systems have exceeded human-level image classification ability

Vehicle claim severity validation & estimation Image analysis supporting medical diagnosis





#### Recurrent Neural Networks

- Optimized for classification and prediction of time series, natural language text & speech synthesis
- Advanced systems have exceeded human levels of reading comprehension

Sentiment analysis
Machine translation
Image captioning

Comprehension
Claim triage



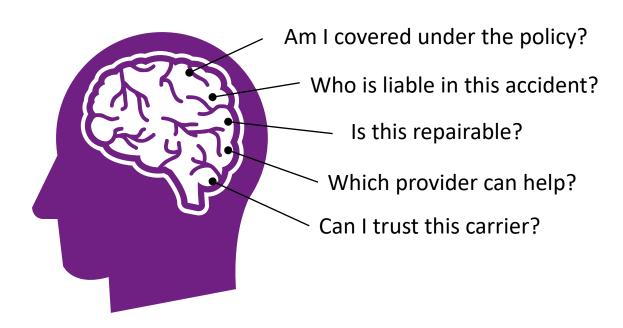
"A woman is throwing a Frisbee in a park"

Claim notes: Mild arthritic change in the right LO-SO facet joint with minimal bulging of the annulus. No focal herniation. Otherwise, unremarkable MR scan.

#### What does the customer want

Keep it simple...

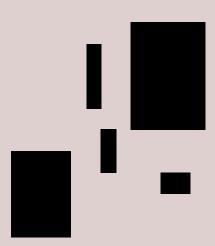
Insurance is contractual protection that requires complex decision making and judgement



Innovations should make the insurance transaction easier/ faster/ better for the customer!

# **Case Study**

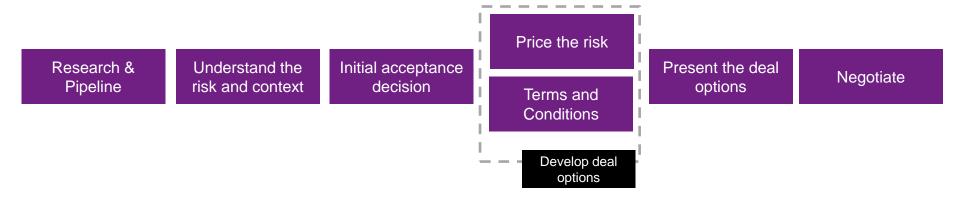
Innovations in the Underwriting Process



#### Core business functions and workflows

Innovations through key processes in core operational areas

# An underwriting process



# **Getting to the Future State**

## Four Major Areas of Development



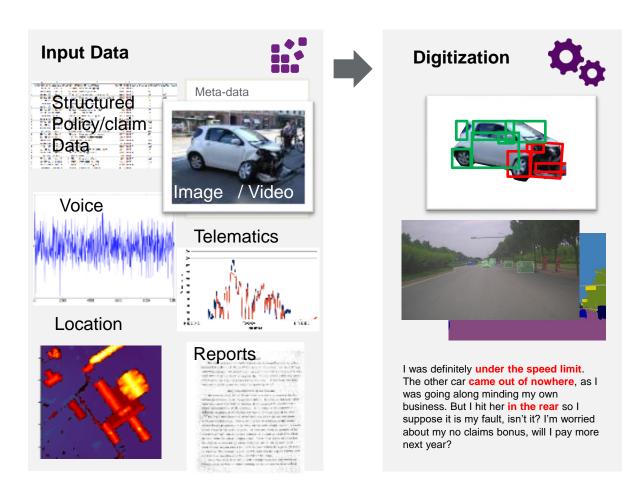






# **Data Strategy and Delivery**

## **Expand Data Capture to Enhance Underwriting**



#### **Portfolio Planning**

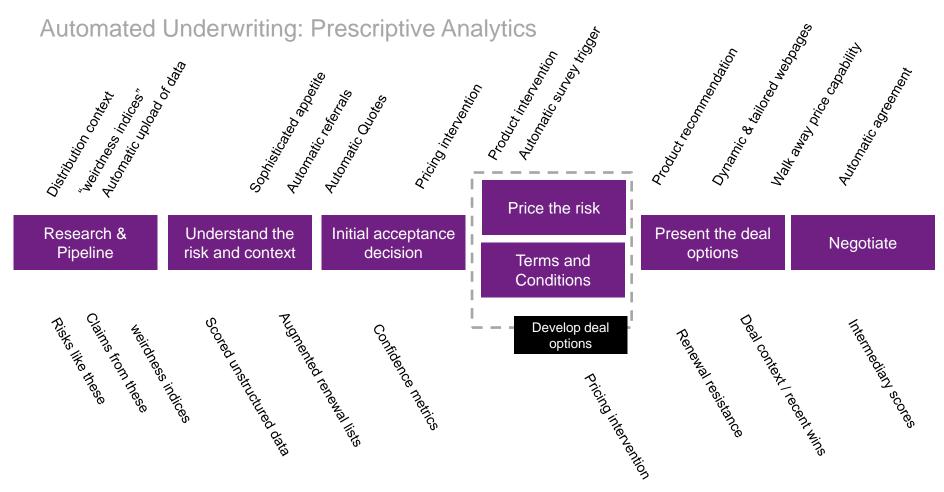
- Competitive analysis
- Understand the universe of risks
- Growth strategies
- Target marketing
- "As-if" scenarios

#### **New Opportunities**

- E&S
- Other products

# **Deploying Analytics to Support the Business**

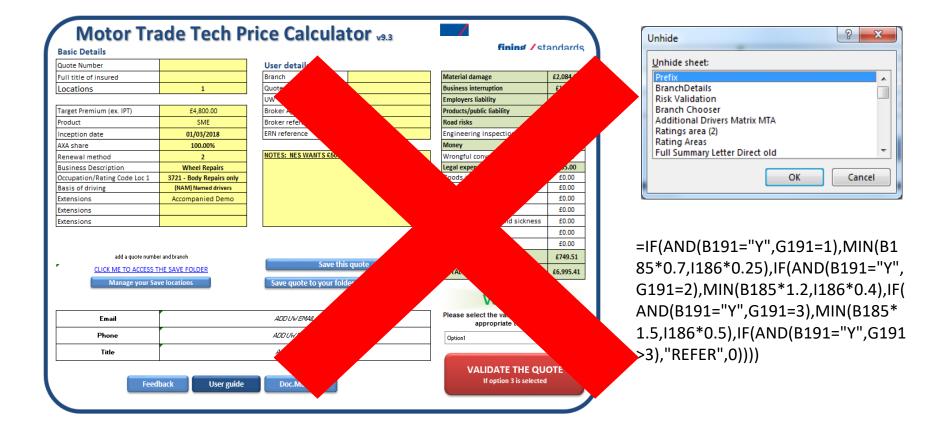
## Analytic applications across the Underwriting process



Underwritten Cases: Descriptive and Predictive Analytics

## **Traditional decision making environment**

## Spreadsheet solutions: Tons of sheets and lots of formulas



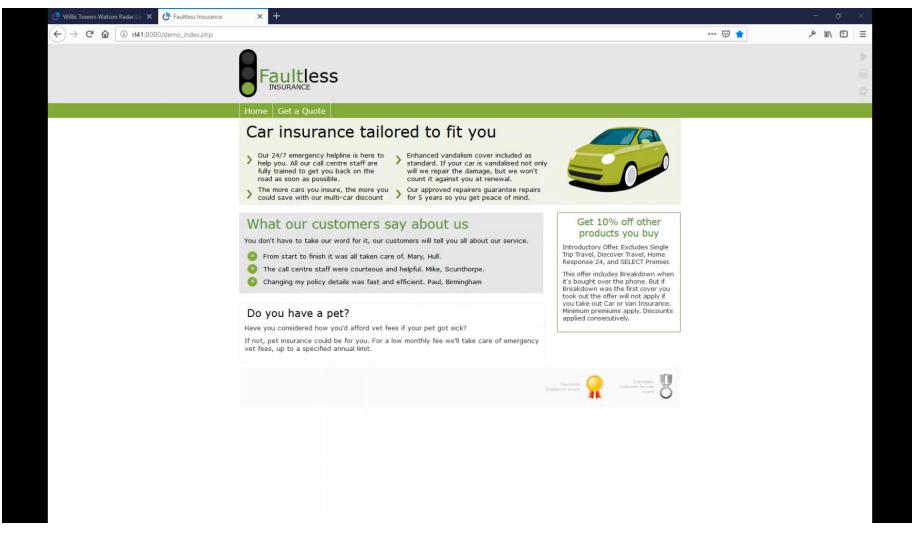
# Modern well integrated environment

## Provide information to the underwriter to support decisions



# Effective innovation requires seamless integration

Agile design and deployment -



#### **Benefits of Effective Innovation**

It is not just change for the sake of change

## **Sophistication**

- Enhanced profitability from sophisticated decision support and approaches
- Can make wider use of data sources

# Speed to market

- Increased agility of pricing and portfolio management
- From MI to decision to execution within a day (or hour)

# Operational efficiency

 Significant cost reduction through effective, rapid and accurate delivery of rates from conception to production all in environment

#### **Accuracy**

- Integrated workflow audit and security for governance
- Significantly reduces risk of errors

# **Conclusion: Revolution requires change**

It is a lot more than buying shiny things

- Controlled, restricted
- Theoretical correctness
- Long review cycle and MI
- Predict and measure
- Monthly/weekly change slots
- Reliant on IT support
- Manual processes

- Empowered, encouraged
- Commercial focus
- Rapid review cycle and MI
- Test and learn
- Intra-day changes
- Direct systems access
- Increased automation

**Traditional** Future

# Thank you



