



THE SYSTEM CFO SERIES
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FREE ASSESSMENT

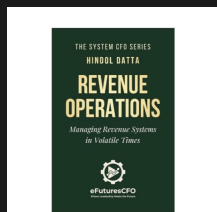
PILLAR 1: STRATEGIC SYSTEMS | TOOLKIT #6 OF 37

THE SCALABILITY STRESS-TEST

*Finding the Breaking Points in Your
Financial Systems Before Growth Hits Them*

20-Question Diagnostic | 5-Page Assessment

Score Your Organization 1-5 Across Four Dimensions
Identify Gaps and Build Your Action Plan



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QUESTIONS 1-5

Section A: People and Organizational Scalability

Will Your Team Structure Survive the Next Phase of Growth?

The first thing that breaks during growth is not technology — it is people. Span of control stretches. Key person dependencies intensify. Tribal knowledge replaces documentation. The finance team that heroically closed the books at \$20M in revenue cannot sustain that heroism at \$80M. The System CFO identifies people-related breaking points before they fracture under load and plans the organizational transitions proactively.

A. PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL SCALABILITY

1	The finance team's span of control is sustainable — no manager has more than 8 direct reports, and workload distribution has been assessed against projected growth over the next 18	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
2	Key person dependencies have been identified and mitigated — no single individual is the sole owner of a critical process (close, reporting, compliance, treasury) without a documented	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
3	The organization has a finance hiring plan that anticipates growth-driven demand — headcount additions are planned 6-12 months ahead of when the capacity constraint will hit.	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
4	Desktop procedures exist for all critical finance processes — a new hire could execute any core task within 30 days using documented procedures without relying on tribal knowledge.	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
5	Revenue per finance employee is tracked and benchmarked — the organization knows its current ratio and has modeled at what revenue level additional headcount will be required.	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION A SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5

QUESTIONS 6-10

Section B: Process Scalability

Will Your Processes Hold at 2x, 5x, or 10x Current Volume?

Processes that work at low volume often collapse at high volume. A manual three-way match process that handles 50 invoices per month becomes impossible at 500. A close process that relies on 15 manual journal entries becomes a bottleneck at 150. The System CFO stress-tests every critical process by asking: what happens when volume doubles? What breaks first?

B. PROCESS SCALABILITY

6	The monthly close process has been evaluated for scalability — the organization knows which close tasks will break first if transaction volume doubles and has a plan to address them.	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
7	Manual processes in the finance function have been inventoried — the percentage of finance work that is manual vs. automated is quantified, and the highest-volume manual processes are	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
8	The accounts payable process can absorb a doubling of invoice volume without adding headcount — through automation, three-way matching rules, and exception-based processing.	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
9	The accounts receivable and collections process scales with customer count — automated dunning, segmented collection strategies, and escalation rules handle volume growth without	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
10	Financial reporting and board packages are produced from automated data pipelines — not assembled manually from multiple spreadsheets that require re-work each period.	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best

SECTION B SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5



QUESTIONS 11-15

Section C: System and Technology Scalability

Can Your Tech Stack Handle the Next Phase Without Replacement?

ERP migrations are among the most expensive and disruptive projects a finance organization can undertake. The System CFO evaluates whether the current technology stack can support the next 3-5 years of growth — or whether a migration must be planned now, while there is still time to execute it without crisis. The worst time to discover your ERP cannot scale is in the middle of hypergrowth.

C. SYSTEM AND TECHNOLOGY SCALABILITY

11	The ERP system has been evaluated for transaction volume capacity — the organization knows the maximum number of transactions, entities, and currencies the system can handle	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
12	Integration architecture between systems (ERP, CRM, HRIS, billing) has been stress-tested — data flow latency, error rates, and throughput have been measured under projected	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
13	The current BI and reporting infrastructure can handle the data volume projected for the next 3 years — query performance, dashboard load times, and data refresh rates	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
14	The organization has evaluated whether its current ERP and tech stack can support anticipated complexity changes — new entities, new geographies, new product lines, new regulatory	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
15	A technology roadmap exists that identifies when system upgrades, replacements, or new implementations will be needed based on projected growth — these are planned proactively, not	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION C SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5



QUESTIONS 16-20

Section D: Compliance and Controls Scalability

Will Your Controls Framework Hold Under Increased Scrutiny and Complexity?

Growth creates compliance complexity. New states create nexus obligations. New countries create transfer pricing requirements. More employees create payroll tax complexity. Higher revenue attracts audit scrutiny. The controls that sufficed as a private company will not survive the transition to SOX compliance. The System CFO anticipates these compliance inflection points and builds the framework before it is required.

D. COMPLIANCE AND CONTROLS SCALABILITY

16	The internal controls framework has been evaluated against projected growth — the organization knows which controls will need to be strengthened, formalized, or added at the next	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
17	Tax compliance scalability has been assessed — the organization has mapped the tax obligations (income, sales, payroll, international) that will be triggered by growth into	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
18	The external audit process is scalable — the organization has discussed with its auditors what additional procedures, documentation, or staffing will be required as the business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
19	Regulatory compliance requirements at the next scale level have been identified — whether that is SOX, SEC reporting, international statutory audits, or industry-specific	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
20	The organization has identified its compliance inflection points — the specific revenue thresholds, headcount levels, or geographic expansions that will trigger step-function	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION D SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5

OVERALL ASSESSMENT SCORE
 Section A: ____ / 25 Section B: ____ / 25 Section C: ____ / 25 Section D: ____ / 25 TOTAL: ____ / 100 AVG: ____ / 5



GAP TO GOAL

Gap-to-Goal Action Plan

Bridging the Gap — Scalability Stress-Test

Transfer your five lowest-scoring questions. For each gap, define the target state, specific actions, owner, timeline, and success metric. Focus on highest-impact gaps first.

GAP #	Q REF	CURRENT	TARGET	SPECIFIC ACTION TO CLOSE GAP	OWNER	DEADLINE	METRIC
1	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Overall average score: ___ / 5 Items scored 1-2 (critical): ___

Items scored 3 (developing): ___ Items scored 4-5 (strong): ___

Top strength: _____

Most critical gap: _____

One action this week: _____

READY TO GO DEEPER?

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The full premium diagnostic toolkit includes week-by-week assessment frameworks for the new CFO, covering organizational capability, system architecture, process maturity, compliance readiness, and stakeholder relationships — with detailed scalability evaluation at every stage and a comprehensive 90-day transformation roadmap.

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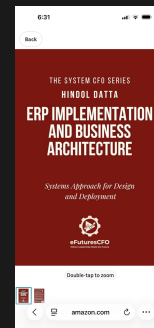
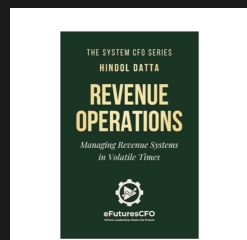
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