



THE SYSTEM CFO SERIES  
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FREE ASSESSMENT

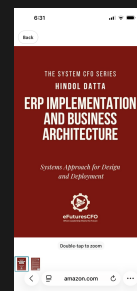
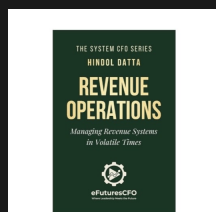
PILLAR 1: STRATEGIC SYSTEMS | TOOLKIT #38 OF 37

# THE FINANCE TECHNOLOGY STACK INTEGRATION

*Evaluating Whether Your Tools Work  
as an Ecosystem — or Disconnected Islands*

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: Technology Inventory and Architecture Mapping

*Do You Know Every Tool in Your Stack — and How They Connect?*

*Most finance functions accumulate technology organically — a billing tool here, an expense system there, a BI platform bolted on top. The result is a patchwork of disconnected tools that create data silos, manual re-entry, and reconciliation nightmares. The System CFO maps the entire technology landscape, identifies integration gaps, and builds a rationalized architecture where data flows seamlessly from source to insight.*

### A. TECHNOLOGY INVENTORY AND ARCHITECTURE MAPPING

1	A complete inventory of finance technology exists — every system used by the finance function (ERP, billing, expense, payroll, treasury, tax, BI, CPM, close management) is	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
2	Data flow between systems is mapped — the organization has a documented architecture diagram showing how data moves between systems, which integrations are automated vs. manual, and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
3	System redundancy has been identified — overlapping capabilities between tools are documented, and the organization knows where multiple systems perform the same	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
4	Shadow IT in finance is inventoried — spreadsheets, scripts, desktop databases, and unauthorized tools used by finance team members to work around system limitations are identified and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
5	The technology stack supports current and near-term requirements — the organization has evaluated whether its current tools can handle projected growth in transaction	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

**SECTION A SCORE: Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 25      Average: \_\_\_\_\_ / 5**



QUESTIONS 6-10

## Section B: Integration Quality and Data Consistency

*Does Data Flow Seamlessly — or Does Your Team Spend Hours Reconciling Between Systems?*

*Integration quality determines whether your technology stack amplifies productivity or creates busywork. A billing system that does not feed the GL automatically means manual journal entries. A CRM that does not connect to the forecast model means manual data extraction. The System CFO measures integration quality by the amount of manual data movement required — every manual touchpoint is a failure of integration architecture.*

### B. INTEGRATION QUALITY AND DATA CONSISTENCY

6	Critical system integrations are automated and reliable — data flows between ERP, CRM, billing, HRIS, and banking systems occur automatically with error handling, logging, and	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
7	Data definitions are consistent across systems — 'revenue,' 'customer,' 'booking,' and other key terms mean the same thing in every system, eliminating reconciliation caused by	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
8	A single source of truth exists for key financial data — there is one authoritative system for each major data domain (revenue, expenses, headcount, cash), and all reporting draws	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
9	Manual data re-entry between systems is quantified and declining — the finance team tracks hours spent on manual data movement and has a roadmap to eliminate the highest-volume	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best
10	Integration failures are detected and resolved quickly — automated monitoring alerts the team when data transfers fail, with defined SLAs for investigation and resolution to prevent	1	2	3	4	5
		Non-Ex	Ad Hoc	Dev	Estab	Best

**SECTION B SCORE: Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 25      Average: \_\_\_\_\_ / 5**



**QUESTIONS 11-15**

## Section C: Vendor Management and Total Cost of Ownership

*Do You Know What Your Finance Tech Stack Actually Costs — and Is It Worth It?*

*Finance technology spend often escapes the same scrutiny applied to other budget categories. Subscription creep, unused licenses, overlapping tools, and implementation costs that exceed original estimates combine to make the true cost of the tech stack far higher than the license fees suggest. The System CFO calculates total cost of ownership including implementation, customization, integration, training, and internal support time.*

**C. VENDOR MANAGEMENT AND TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP**

11	Total cost of ownership is calculated for the finance tech stack — including license fees, implementation, customization, integration development, training, internal support time, and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
12	License utilization is monitored — the organization tracks how many purchased licenses are actually used, eliminates unused seats, and right-sizes subscriptions at each renewal cycle.	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
13	Vendor contracts are reviewed before auto-renewal — renewal dates are tracked, competitive alternatives are evaluated, and pricing is negotiated proactively rather than accepting	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
14	Build-vs-buy decisions follow a consistent framework — when new capability is needed, the organization evaluates whether to build internally, purchase a new tool, or extend an	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
15	Technology ROI is measured post-implementation — for major technology investments, the organization compares actual benefits (time savings, error reduction, capability	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

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QUESTIONS 16-20

## Section D: Technology Roadmap and Future Readiness

*Do You Have a Plan for Where Your Tech Stack Is Going — or Are You Just Reacting?*

*A finance technology roadmap aligns tool investment with business strategy and growth trajectory. Without a roadmap, technology decisions are reactive — driven by the latest vendor pitch or the most urgent pain point. The System CFO builds a 2-3 year technology plan that sequences investments, manages technical debt, and ensures the stack evolves ahead of business needs rather than behind them.*

### D. TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP AND FUTURE READINESS

16	A finance technology roadmap exists — covering planned implementations, upgrades, integrations, and retirements over the next 2-3 years, aligned with business growth projections	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
17	Technology debt is identified and managed — outdated systems, deferred upgrades, and unsupported customizations are inventoried with a plan and budget for remediation over a	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
18	Emerging technology evaluation is ongoing — the finance team regularly assesses new capabilities (AI, RPA, advanced analytics, embedded finance) for potential value without	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
19	The IT and finance partnership is productive — technology decisions for finance are made collaboratively between the CFO and CIO/CTO, with shared accountability for outcomes and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
20	Change management is planned for technology transitions — each technology change includes user training, process redesign, communication, and adoption measurement to ensure the	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 — Finance Technology Stack Integration Diagnostic*

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?

This free assessment identified your gaps. The Premium System CFO Toolkits provide the frameworks, templates, and action plans to close them. Visit [EfuturesCFO.com](https://EfuturesCFO.com)





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**PREMIUM: The ERP Nervous System Audit (12 Pages)**

The full premium toolkit includes the complete nerve pathway mapping framework, integration architecture assessment, system velocity analysis, data quality scoring, scalability stress-test, and the comprehensive technology roadmap planning template for building an integrated finance technology ecosystem.

*Plus: Access the Super Exclusive 46 Page*

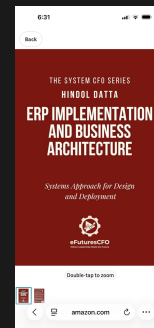
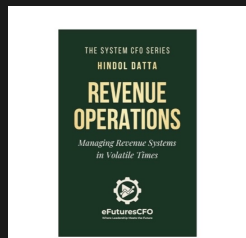
*System CFO Organizational Finance Assessment Kit*

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