Fight Inflation Through Microsoft 365 Automation with WorkMagic

There is no hiding today's inflationary pressure – not only on consumers but businesses as well. Nationally speaking, the price of gas is over $5 a gallon in many places in the United States, and over $8 in California. Beef, chicken produce, grain, labor, and housing have also increased tremendously. It is all around us and impacts nearly every good and/or service we depend on. The Consumer Price Index increased 8.26% for 2022, reaching levels that have not been seen since the 1970's.

If we are willing to learn from history, we can look at the response in the past, and apply this to today. In this article, we'll show you some ways that your business can help fight inflation through Microsoft 365 automation.

Lessons From the Past

While there are lots of memories from dealing with inflation in the 70's that are painful, such as high mortgage rates and the energy crisis, there are others that are empowering lessons. Let's take automobiles for example. Prior to the 1970's, high powered cars were the ride of choice from Camaro's to Corvettes. That all shifted to favor more fuel-efficient transportation such as the VW Van. The "Vagon" got better gas mileage than the American 'power cars', and cost under $5k new, and still got you around on an affordable vacation. This

change became a source of identity and liberation for a large percentage of the population. It wasn't a feeling of sacrifice, but rather pride in frugality.

2022 Answers

Fast forward to today when we are presented with some similar challenges. How do we respond? Being that this article is being written by a business technology company, efficiency is the name of the game. We need to do more with less through the WorkMagic term – "**automation**" using A.I.

If employees are hard to find, and wages are through the roof, now is the time to do more with what we have? This is where WorkMagic & Microsoft 365 comes into play. Not only do most of us already have a 365 subscription, but the 365 offers endless opportunities for business process automation and efficiencies. This is the home that provides the framework for some of WorkMagic's successes.

WorkMagic and Microsoft 365

WorkMagic services leverage Microsoft 365 including Dynamics, SharePoint, Power Automate, Power Apps, and Power BI. We offer various solutions, by way of example - covering Customer and Vendor Portals, AP Invoice Automation, Employee Expense Management, and Bots.

Client and Vendor Portal

Do you want to save money from your Clients and vendors calling, emailing, and tying up support resources to get information?

WorkMagic provides a 24/7 self-service SharePoint portal or Dynamics 365. Automate time-consuming business processes such as contract renewal, vendor onboarding, and RFP management.

AP Invoice Automation

Still receiving paper invoices, manually coding, obtaining approval with email, and hand typing into your ERP or accounting system for payment? WorkMagic's AP invoice automation uses Dynamics 365, SharePoint document storage, and, Power Automate workflows to digitally receive and process vendor invoices.

Employee Expense Management

Are your employees filling out an Excel template for detailing their expenses, and attaching receipts to email to seek reimbursement for their travel or home office expenses?

WorkMagic leverages Dynamics 365, Power Apps, A.I., and Power Automate workflows to capture, code, and route employee out-of-

pocket and corporate credit card expenditures for financial coding and reimbursement.

AI bots are the only logical path forward and More

For WorkMagic, the future of communication is bots. The company believes that artificial intelligence will eventually change the way we connect with people, businesses, and our computers. Bots to order pizza, help with your kids' homework, schedule hotel reservations, these seemingly simple tasks will fall to an army of bots in our phones and computers and chat systems, personal assistants powered by AI, combing through data and applying logic and executing tasks based on our needs.

Summary

Not all our experiences of inflation need to be painful. Now is the time to clean house of inefficiencies and use what we already own to enable automation. Not only does this save time and money, but it also allows us to focus more on driving valuable business growth. Learn more at [WorkMagic](#) or schedule a [Demo via a Microsoft Teams meeting](#) to hear how we can put these solutions to work for your organization.