

# Fraud Update: Latest Trends and How to Fight Back

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## AGENDA

- Recent Trends in Fraud 2018 Report to the Nations
- Fraud "War Stories"
- Ways to Mitigate the Risk

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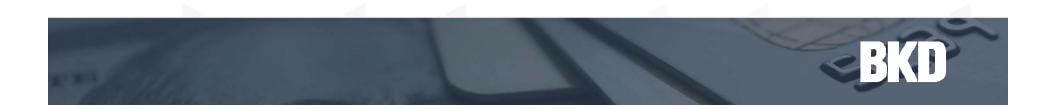


Median duration of a fraud scheme



## CORRUPTION

was the most common scheme in every global region



#### FIG. 9 How is occupational fraud initially detected?

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Account reconciliation	
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Document examination	
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Surveillance/monitoring	
	3%
Notified by law enforcement	
	2%
IT controls	
	1%
Confession	
	1%

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FIG. 36 Do perpetrators tend to have prior fraud convictions?



Never charged or convicted (89%)

Charged but not convicted (6%)

Had prior convictions (4%)

Other (1%)

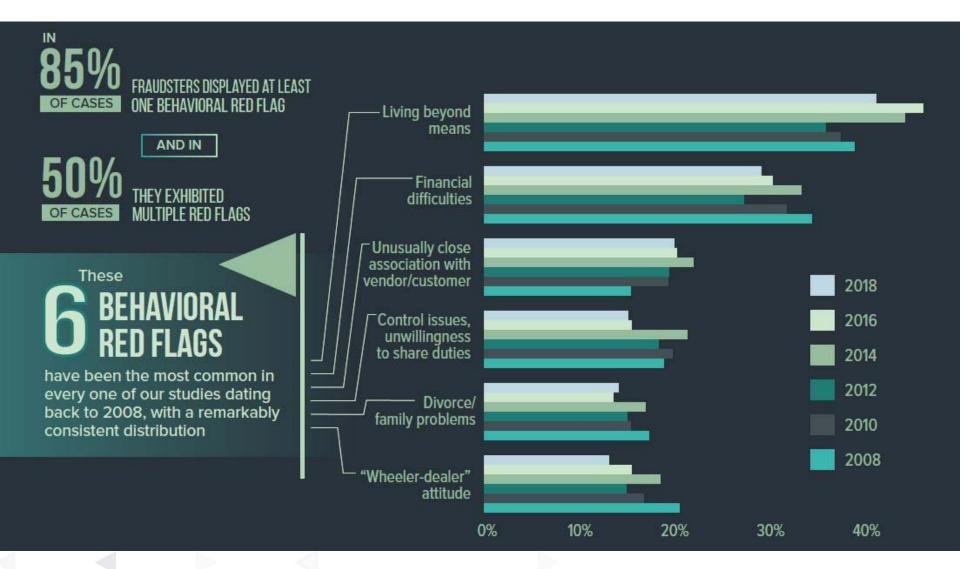
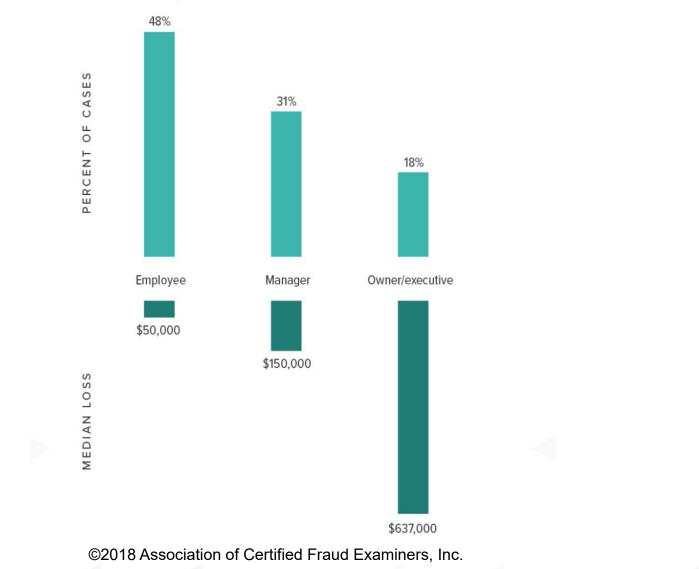




FIG. 88 How does the perpetrator's level of authority relate to occupational fraud in the United States?



## FIG. 30 How does the perpetrator's gender relate to occupational fraud?

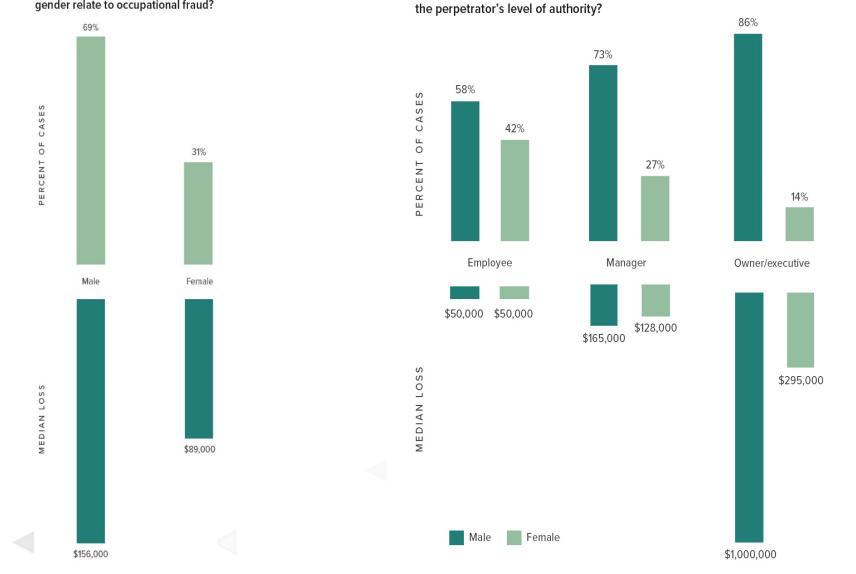
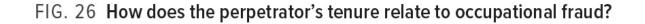
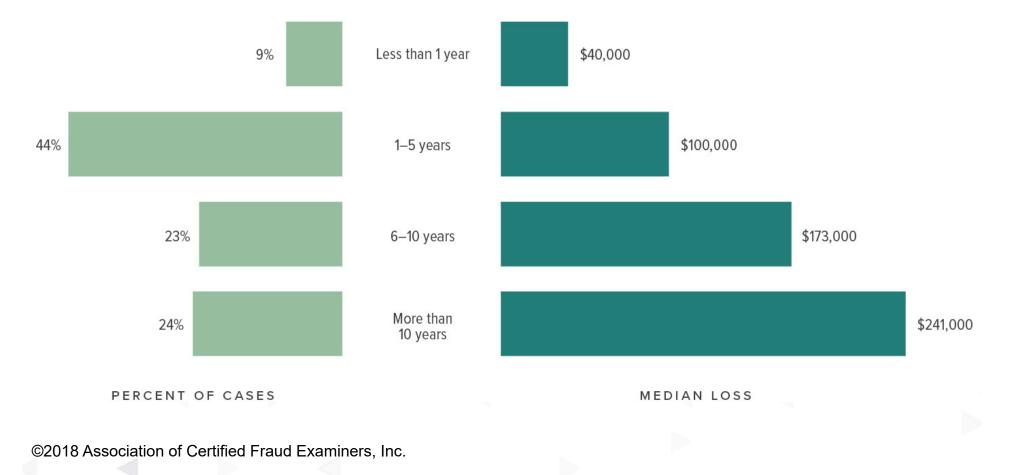


FIG. 32 How does gender distribution and median loss vary based on

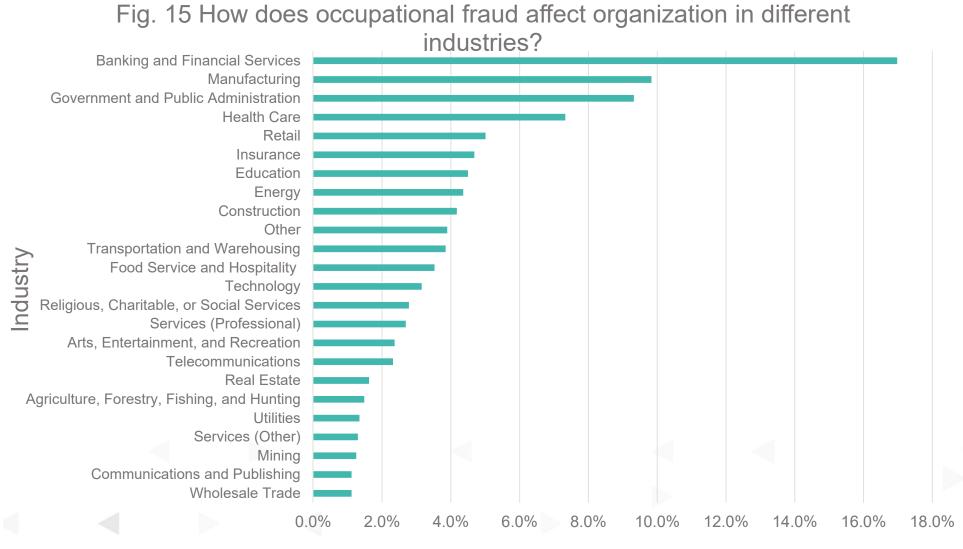
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Government and public administration	184	15%	11%	11%	9%	50%	11%	5%	22%	7%	2%	11%
Health care	149	26%	7%	13%	13%	36%	16%	11%	19%	17%	1%	12%
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Services (professional)	54	26%	17%	15%	26%	17%	30%	13%	13%	15%	0%	15%
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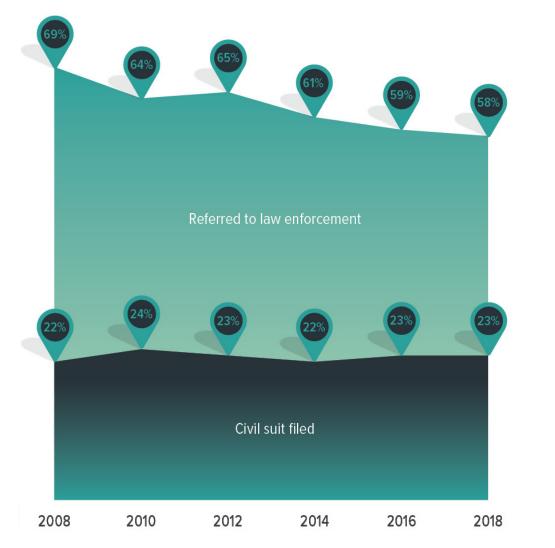
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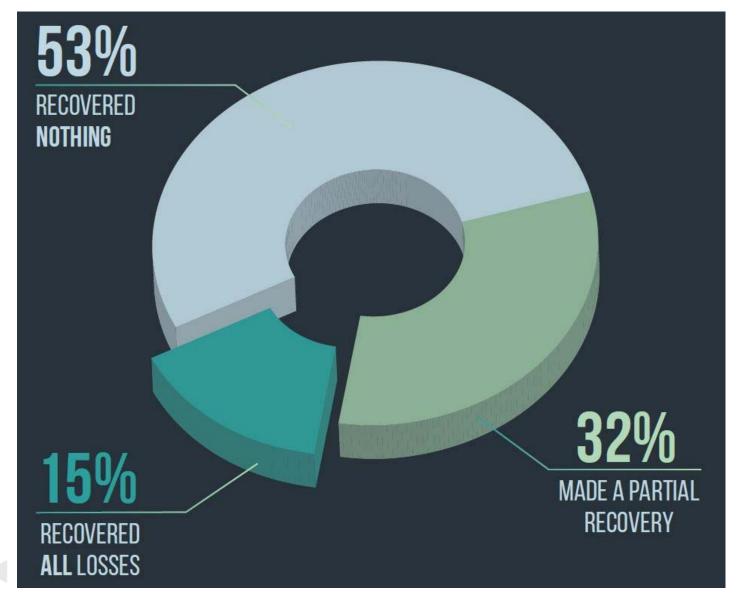
### FIG. 43 How often is litigation pursued against occupational fraud perpetrators?

### FIG. 46 Why do organizations decide not to refer cases to law enforcement?

### Fear of bad publicity

	38%
Internal discipline sufficient	
	33%
Too costly	
	24%
Private settlement	
	21%
Lack of evidence	
	12%
Other	
	12%
Civil suit	
	4%
Perpetrator disappeared	
	2%

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# **Profile of Fraud Perpetrator**

- No prior criminal history (5%)
- Well liked by co-workers
- Likes to give gifts/compulsive shopper
- Gambling problems not unusual
- Long-term employee
- Rationalizes, starts small or "borrows"
- Lifestyle clues

## Which One Looks Suspicious?



\$3 million



\$31 million



## \$4.6 million



\$900,000



## \$1.0 million



\$1.1 million



# **Real Example #1**

- Acted alone
- Did not have credit card in his/her name
- Used his/her supervisor's card (memorized #)
- Long-term employee
- Red flags noted
- Amount



# **Real Example #2**

- Top Exec
- Former E&Y employee
- "Hard working, smart, trusted"
- Insider knowledge of contracts/bids
- Other employees notice budget discrepancies
- A little digging reveals big problems
- Contractor connected to him \$3.0 million



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#### The undersigned is doing business under the following name, and at the following address:

Business name to be registered:	Gateway Technical Solutions, LLC	
Business address:	1355 McKinley Ave	Residential
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City, State and Zip Code:	Saint Louis MO 63119	///////////////////////////////////////

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# From Google Maps - Large Contractor??



## Movin' On Up -- \$1.5 million mansion





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## **Red Flags Abound**

- Contractor had no website
- No one knew the owner (he was fake)
- Simple address check revealed small home
- Phone # connected to a cell (no one answered)
- Executive living beyond means

## Few Vendor/Subcontractor Verification Tips

- A fake company might be a "real" company (registered w/secretary of state)
- Free and easy internet resources use them
  - Secretary of State websites are great
  - Google Maps/Streetview
  - Hit the vendor/subcontractor website
  - Look at the principals behind the company
- Use caution with fee based searches on internet

# **Real Example #3**

- Senior Accountant
- 6 year employee
- Mr. Popular
- Odd text
- The trust factor
- The "other" factors

## **The Process**

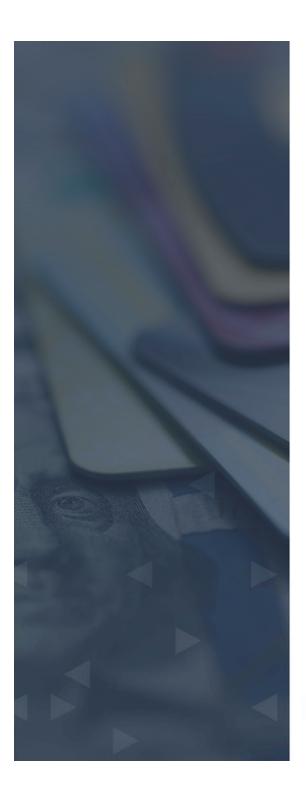
- Download of file, etc.
- Reconciliation between debit to Cardmember Service and VISA payable – one issue
- Terminated employees
- 325 transactions (168 on cards from text)

## **The Cover Up**

**Credit Card Transactions For Calendar Year 2015** 

		Total Tran	Transaction			
Month	K:Drive		Website	Difference		
January	\$	30,741.92	\$ 34,343.26	\$ 3,601.34		
February		32,643.78	35,728.37	3,084.59		
March		56,082.89	57,576.64	1,493.75		
April		60,073.40	63,111.76	3,038.36		
May		51,326.83	54,914.11	3,587.28		
June		65,334.86	68,306.29	2,971.43		
July		45,154.28	46,893.52	1,739.24		
August		51,810.37	53,998.49	2,188.12		
September		32,045.84	34,757.00	2,711.16		
October		51,601.01	54,866.10	3,265.09		
November		43,305.93	45,836.25	2,530.32		
December		28,624.00	32,407.12	3,783.12		
TOTAL	\$	548,745.11	\$ 582,738.91	\$33,993.80		

## Total was \$112k 2014-2017



# DATA ANALYTICS BASICS

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# **Definitions**

# **Big Data**

Information of extreme size, diversity and complexity.

- Gartner, Inc.

Source: http://www.gartner.com/technology/topics/big-data.jsp

## **Data Analytics**

...processes and activities designed to obtain and evaluate data to extract useful information and answer strategic questions...



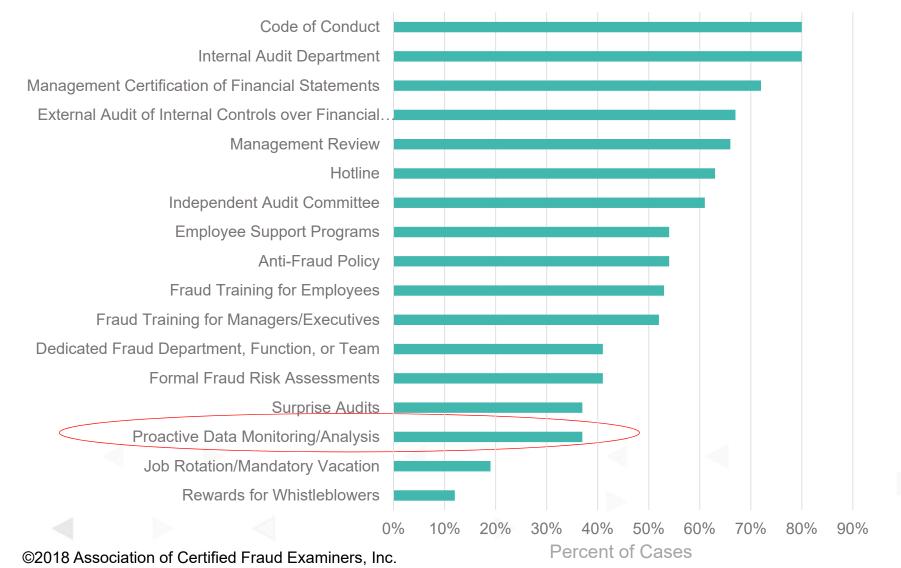
## Fig. 18 How does the presence of anti-fraud controls relate to median loss?

Control	Percent of cases	Control in place	Control not in place	Percent reduction
Code of conduct	80%	\$110,000	\$250,000	56%
Proactive data monitoring/analysis	37%	\$ 80,000	\$165,000	52%
Surprise audits	37%	\$ 75,000	\$ 152,000	51%
External audit of internal controls over financial reporting	67%	\$100,000	\$200,000	50%
Management review	66%	\$100,000	\$200,000	50%
Hotline	63%	\$100,000	\$200,000	50%
Anti-fraud policy	54%	\$100,000	\$ 190,000	47%
Internal audit department	73%	\$108,000	\$200,000	46%
Management certification of financial statements	72%	\$109,000	\$ 192,000	43%
Fraud training for employees	53%	\$100,000	\$ 169,000	41%
Formal fraud risk assessments	41%	\$100,000	\$162,000	38%
Employee support programs	54%	\$100,000	\$ 160,000	38%
Fraud training for managers/executives	52%	\$100,000	\$153,000	35%
Dedicated fraud department, function, or team	41%	\$100,000	\$150,000	33%
External audit of financial statements	80%	\$120,000	\$ 170,000	29%
Job rotation/mandatory vacation	19%	\$100,000	\$ 130,000	23%
Independent audit committee	61%	\$120,000	\$ 150,000	20%
Rewards for whistleblowers	12%	\$110,000	\$125,000	12%

## Fig. 19 How does the presence of anti-fraud controls relate to the duration of fraud?

Control	Percent of cases	Control in place	Control not in place	Percent reduction
Proactive data monitoring/analysis	37%	10 months	24 months	58%
Surprise audits	37%	TI months	24 months	54%
Internal audit department	73%	12 months	24 months	50%
Management certification of financial statements	72%	12 months	24 months	50%
External audit of internal controls over financial reporting	67%	12 months	24 months	50%
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Independent audit committee	61%	12 months	23 months	48%
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Job rotation/mandatory vacation	19%	10 months	18 months	44%
Dedicated fraud department, function, or team	41%	12 months	20 months	40%
External audit of financial statements	80%	15 months	24 months	38%
Employee support programs	54%	12 months	18 months	33%

## Fig. 17 What anti-fraud controls are most common?



# **Summary of Categories**

						Transactions at			Round Hundred	
	Total	Transaction	Categorical	Holiday	Transactions	Merchants of	Potential Split	Transactions	Dollar	Weekend
Job	Transactions	Count	Hits	Transactions	with Keywords	Interest	Transactions	on PTO	Transactions	Transactions
Sales Representative	1,239,885.17	16,131	6	52	215	178	-	81	21	1,463
Vice President Sales	564,654.06	4,112	6	15	7	62	-	13	4	459
Technical Sales Rep	524,032.93	5,504	6	19	61	34	-	40	2	587
Business Unit Manager	495,998.25	5,001	6	16	10	79	-	12	2	454
Customer Service Rep	270,665.16	3,272	6	13	3	56	-	22	1	300
Executive Vice President	263,505.40	1,724	6	14	7	31	-	2	7	189
Regional Vice President	223,448.47	1,819	6	5	59	11	-	15	2	178
VP Operations	194,824.17	1,433	6	11	1	7	-	5	1	181
Print Production Manager	190,866.42	2,310	6	9	4	19	-	10	2	185
General Manager	156,892.40	1,915	6	5	21	4	-	23	2	215
Plant Manager	101,922.90	1,324	6	2	5	6	-	15	2	141
Production Manager	87,231.55	949	6	1	12	3	-	13	5	72
n/a	406,902.25	3,704	5	10	20	75	-	-	2	316
Sales Division Manager	297,656.65	2,470	5	10	3	31	-	3	-	217
Operations Manager	106,736.03	1,221	5	4	5	20	-	7	-	106
IT Manager	100,892.16	759	5	2	5	29	-	2	-	132
Finance Manager	79,946.48	507	5	1	-	7	-	1	4	39
Chief Financial Officer	77,086.00	317	5	1	15	1	-	1	-	27
CEO & President	72,371.44	433	5	6	5	1	-	1	-	60
Business Development Mgr	64,449.41	803	5	1	3	15	-	-	1	58
Quality Control Manager	50,332.81	634	5	1	-	7	-	5	1	42



# Examples of Uses in Examinations

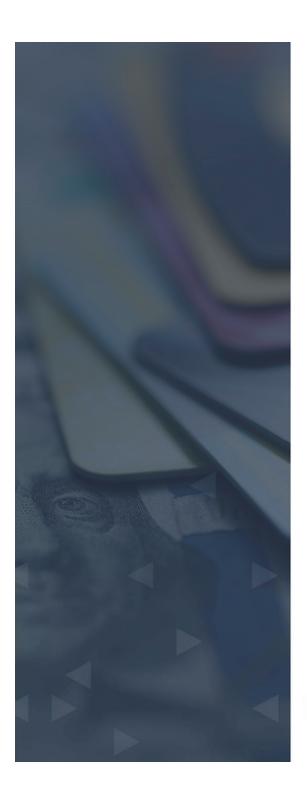




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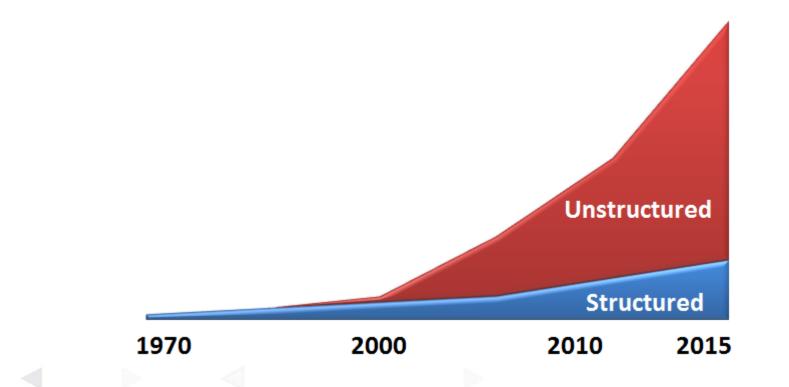


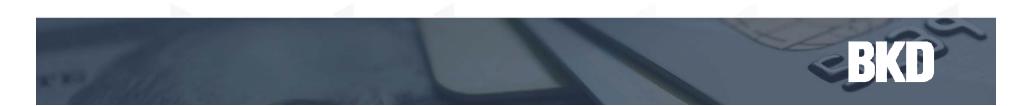
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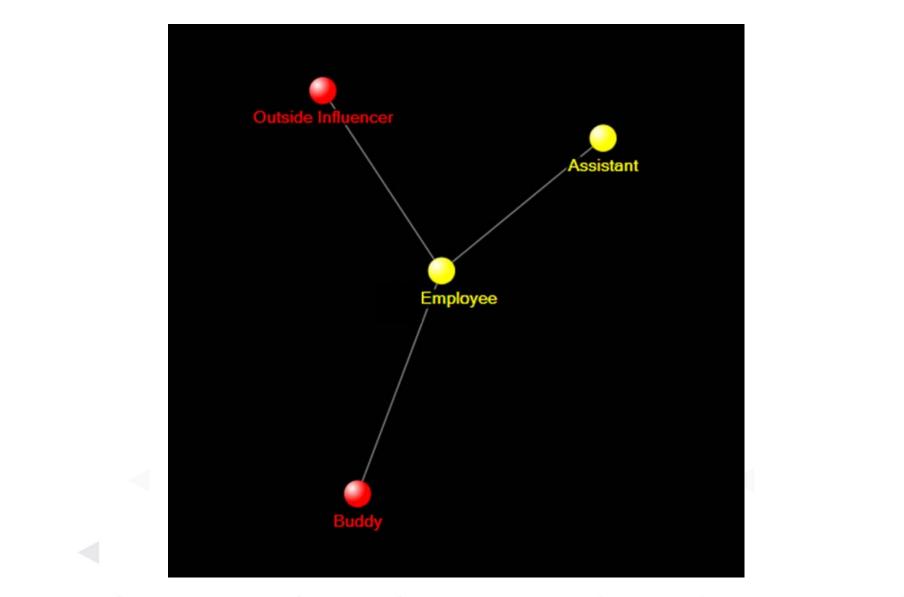
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# Questions?



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