



## Want to Save Your Business an Hour a Day? Automate These 8 Tasks.

Automation may be considered a job killer, but it's also a life-saver for small businesses who are looking for ways to streamline daily tasks while saving both time and money.

Here are 8 tasks that you should be automating if you want to save an hour a day.

- **1.** Accounting, invoicing & taxes Instead of manually entering bookkeeping tasks, automation handles all of your needs for you. These services save you a ton of time, and a lot of headaches, when it comes to balancing your books and organizing your files during tax season.
- **2. Website logins -** Password managers save you time while keeping your sensitive information secure.
- **3. Data backup** Your businesses data can now be automatically stored on the cloud, which means that if you do experience a crash, it can be easily recovered.
- **4. Filling online forms -** Google, as well as software programs like Roboform, let you automatically fill in online forms.
- **5. Employee scheduling -** Thanks to tools like Hubworks and When I Work this task is now automated for you since they can balance your employee's availability with your scheduling availability.
- **6. Email marketing -** Mailchimp, Aweber, and Drip will do everything from launch sequences, welcome messages, wish customers a happy birthday, post purchase follow-ups, and abandoned cart recovery.

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### Adding Humanity into HR Compliance: Creating a Coaching Culture—Doing vs. Understanding

Recently, a Fortune 50 company, which requested anonymity, hired Chris Coffey, a Marshall Goldsmith Stakeholder Centered Coach, to work with its general manager (GM) of marketing. Employees viewed the GM as an intense, difficult-to-approach, results-oriented machine; a highly knowledgeable but impatient individual; and a person who was both driven and resistant to sharing his knowledge to help others perform more effectively.

When the GM learned this information through a 360-degree evaluation, he was surprised and eager to change. He committed to:

- Improving collaboration to enhance business performance.
- Sharing knowledge and expertise with others.

His behavioral action plan based on suggestions from stakeholders included the following:

- Ask good questions and be open-minded.
- Listen authentically and fully to other people's ideas.
- Build off of others' ideas before giving your own or rebutting their suggestions.
- Engage in both dialogue and debate when appropriate.
- Be more approachable and patient.
- Be a thinking partner instead of a critic.

The process was so successful as documented by his stakeholders that the GM thought, "Why should these benefits be limited to me and my stakeholders? The entire marketing division could benefit."

At the same time, HR conducted a companywide employee survey. The results indicated a need and desire for managers to become better coaches and mentors.

With HR support, marketing leaders launched a pilot project across their division of 205 marketing employees. Coffey redesigned the coaching process to have a group-based focus instead of an individual one.

29 marketing managers (2 GMs, 9 of their direct reports and 18 managers) had 2 goals:

- Become a better coach and mentor to direct reports.
- Help the managers below them become better coaches and managers to their direct reports.

After learning the coaching methodology, the marketing managers took action. They communicated their goals, engaged their direct



reports and stakeholders, created and implemented action plans, shared the action plans with their stakeholders and followed up monthly.

The managers began executing their action plans and holding each other accountable to do the same.

According to an HR partner involved in the process, "it was important that HR measure the effectiveness of this coaching process. So, 6 months after the beginning of the engagement, we had a confidential, third-party-administered electronic survey done of division employees. It asked, 'How satisfied are you with your manager in his or her becoming a better coach and manager since starting this coaching process?' The survey measured results using a five-point scale ranging from 'highly satisfied' to 'dissatisfied.'

"The results were nothing short of astounding: 46% were highly satisfied, and 40% were satisfied. That's an 86% success rate after only 6 months!"

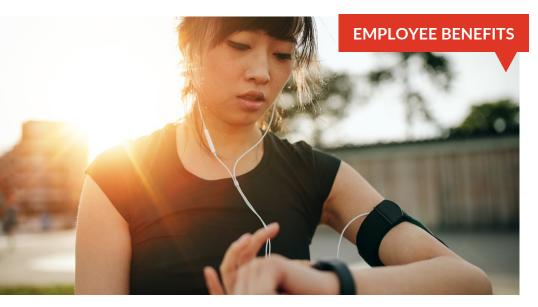
HR plans to conduct another survey later this year.

The marketing GM said, "The process has been incredibly helpful to me. I wasn't aware of my opportunities to grow. Now I love being seen as a trusted advisor and valued resource. And I especially love the overall impact this coaching process has had on the entire marketing division. I am hopeful this coaching process is expanded throughout the company."

The HR partner summed things up this way: "As an HR professional, I'm grateful for this opportunity to help our managers become better coaches and mentors. The better our managers do this, the better their relationships with their employees, the better we do in HR, and the better we do as a company."

Now this company is able to use the example from their marketing division and continue to grow and sustain this coaching culture in other parts of their organization.

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## Digitization: Reducing costs, improving health

The U.S. continues to experience increasing healthcare costs, rising nearly a trillion dollars from 1996 to 2015 according to the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Yet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 20% to 40% of these could be prevented. The CDC also reported that productivity losses linked to absenteeism costs employers \$225.8 billion annually, or \$1,685 per employee.

More than ever, employer clients are turning to technology to help support their employees' well-being and prevent sickness before it happens, reducing absenteeism and insurance premiums, while promoting a culture of wellness.

#### Fitness tracking becomes mainstream

One area where we've seen considerable advancements in recent years is fitness tracking. Some workplaces are offering fitness trackers to help their employees live a healthier lifestyle. This in turn will give employers more data from which to target future health initiatives that help encourage proactive lifestyle changes.

### New technologies bring deeper insights

Looking into the near future, there's major potential for employers to use technology, including virtual reality and augmented reality as drivers for healthier, happier employees. There's now a range of applications using technology that analyzes lifestyle data to help provide a real indication of how a person's diet and exercise regime will impact their physicality.

When combined with artificial intelligence, employers could have the ability to use data gained through fitness tracking (number of steps, weight, etc.) to look at potential chances of health-related issues down the road. This insight could drive employees to reflect on better lifestyle habits and consider those that are having a negative impact on their health. Meanwhile, employers will get a better idea of the predicted cost of employee healthcare, sick leave and the measure of ROI in relation to benefits spend.

All of the above solutions demand that employees share a large amount of personal, potentially sensitive data with their employers. As a result, concerns about trusting employers with that data are inevitable. Employees need to be sure any information collected about their health will not impact their relationship with their employer. If a predisposition for heart disease in an employee is revealed, that individual will want assurance that employers won't give preference to another employee when considering a big promotion over the anticipation of a possible illness. To counter this risk, it's likely that employees will want a contractual agreement with their employer before handing over this information.

As healthcare costs continue to rise, digitization provides an efficient way of delivering targeted and preventative well-being support for employees. By creating a more health-aware workforce, we can reduce health issues and create a happier, healthier environment for both employers and employees alike.



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