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## **ABOUT US**

- Leading professional services organization founded in 1999
- Delivers consulting, recruiting and executive search services
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- Headquartered in Chicago
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- 25+ Offices Across the United States



Rapidly growing organically and through acquisitions



### Our Order To Cash Landscape- Before Automation

Highly manual processes

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Heavy volume of transactions: 4000+ docs being processed each week for 3000+ clients

Several unique scenarios specific to our organization

Multiple ERPs to add on to the complexity



#### **Poll Question**

# Which area within your order to cash do you feel automation would be most useful for?

- Credit
- Collections
- Billing and Payments
- Deductions
- Cash Application





As our business continued to scale, we realized that the one area that we would struggle the most with was going to be

# CASH APPLICATION

### Deep Dive Into Our Cash Application Struggle

Expensive, paper-heavy processes



Highly manual and inefficient process



Non scalable, at least not in proportion with our expected growth



Collection/client frustrations caused by slow processes



### Hence, We Decided to Bring In Automation

We did not want to increase headcount to manage growth, we wanted a more long-term solution

"Automation was imperative for us to maintain an equilibrium between our work and our fast-paced growth"

#### Key objectives:

Make our A/R operations scalable



Ensure that new systems from acquisitions get integrated with existing systems seamlessly



Eliminate gaps that existed due to different ERP systems



#### **Other Important Considerations**

In addition to the above objectives, we wanted to find a solution that would





## Why HighRadius

We evaluated multiple solutions and finally chose HighRadius for the below reasons





## We worked with HighRadius to **prepare a business case** for our leadership, which helped us get the final sign-off for the project.

### Major Focus Areas in The Business Case

The key parameters on which we evaluated the solution were:





#### Where We Are Right Now

The Cash Application solution was our easiest implementation and the system is working well for us





#### **Our Results in Numbers**



Automation has been achieved in cash application



Analyst is able to manage our overall cash application operations



#### **Future Plan of Action**



Continue to optimize the performance of our — cash application system

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Deploy the HighRadius Collections solution for our business





## Record to Report Suite Offering for Finance & Accounting Operations

## Autonomous ACCOUNTING

- → Achieve 40% reduction in month-end close time
- → Get 90% auto-certification of account reconciliations every month
- → Enable Continuous Accounting through AI-Powered Anomalies Detection
- → Eliminate Excel through ERP integration and Connected Workspaces









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