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novaAudit at a Glance

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Efficient, flexible and smart Audit Management

A successful audit is crucial for complying with legal regulations, avoiding errors and fraud and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of business processes.

With novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition, our audit management solution, you can make your auditing processes faster, more transparent and simpler - with a solution that is 100% integrated into Microsoft 365 and operated in your selfmanaged Microsoft environment.

novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition has been designed so that you can use the no-code/low-code approaches to map a wide range of audit scenarios, such as internal audits, quality audits, internal control mechanisms, supplier audits, etc. The flexibility of customization is the most powerful feature of novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition.

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novaAudit for process- and user-oriented auditing

As an all-in-one solution, novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition combines all functions and process steps in one system to carry out a complete audit and output it in a report. The interaction between auditors and audited areas (auditees) is fully mapped in the system. Time-consuming manual data preparation for reporting is no longer necessary and the information can be accessed centrally. In this way, novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition simplifies data and document management and speeds up the process.

Developed from practice and for practice

Since the first release of novaAudit in 2007 - initially based on SharePoint - the technical expertise from numerous use cases and best practices has been incorporated into the continuous further development of novaAudit.

We have developed the latest version of novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition in close cooperation with our customers and partners **Bertelsmann, Swisscom and the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)**. Their technical expertise from audit management practice - and its complexity, especially in large corporations and SMEs - guarantees that novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition offers solutions for a wide range of applications and passes every practical test.

novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition at a Glance

- All-in-one solution: the entire auditing process (management & reporting) is optimized
- Fully realizable and scalable with Microsoft 365
- Cloud-based solution enables access at any time and from everywhere
- Subject to your company's safety standards
- Easy to use for auditors and auditees onbased on the familiar user interfaces from M365 and Dynamics 365

- Effortless integration into everyday working life thanks to integration in Microsoft Teams
- Standardized information storage & accelerated

 Data processing
- Integration of third-party systems possible
- All phases of the DIIR's best practice approach are mapped
- Maximum flexibility for customization and expansion by the customer

For which audit processes can novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition be used?

novaAudit can be used in many ways in your company and has already been tested in various use cases:

- Audit planning
- Risk analysis
- Resource planning
- Exam preparation & implementation
- Fieldwork
- Management reporting
- Measures & follow-up
- Audit reports

In addition, generic audit process development for further use cases and the expansion of processes/flows for your company is possible - independently of us as an implementation partner.



2 Audit Requirements

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2.1

Audit Universe

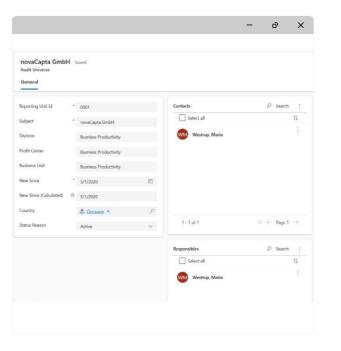
User Question

(1) As auditors, we have to ensure that all processes, departments, companies / organizations are audited.

Ensure responsibilities within the company.

We have defined audit fields for this purpose.

(2) We need to be able to store the **audit fields** in the software as regular audits, including individual information, so that we can ensure that **all audit fields are fully taken into account in the multi-year planning**.

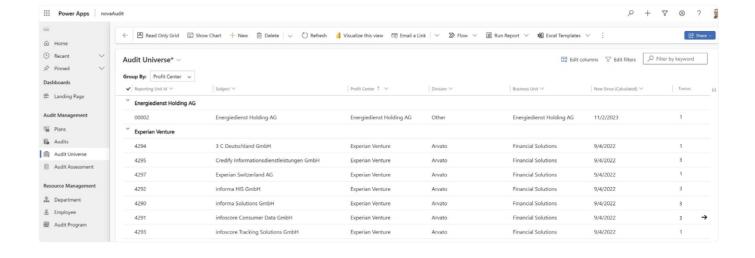


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The "Audit Universe" entity can and is typically customized for each customer. It does not matter whether companies and/or processes are to be mapped. Fields can be added or removed. This is configurable.

All relevant data can be added to fields in this way. Typically, Audit Universe data is imported from existing systems.

The creation of an audit (e.g. AdHoc or Fraud etc.) during the year is possible at any time using the same process (AddToSchedule).



2.2 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS | RISK ASSESSMENT

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Risk Assessment

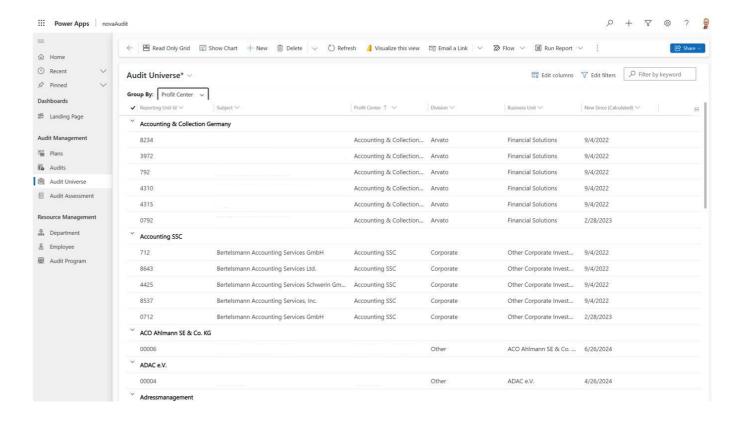
User Question

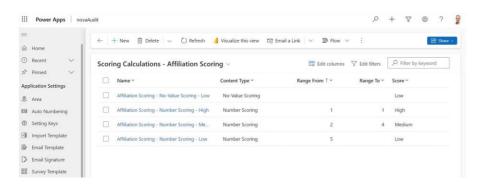
(1) As auditors, we must assess the risks of the defined audit areas at least once a year. To do this, we need to be able to apply our internally defined assessment logic to the audit areas and thus determine the audit frequency.

(2) This risk assessment must be mapped and documented annually via the software so that we can verify and check the plausibility of our risk assessment.

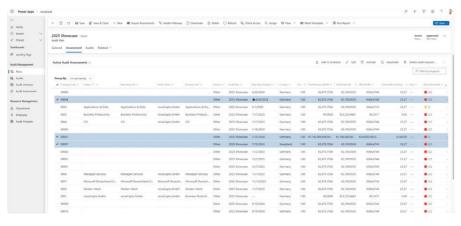
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Scoring parameters can be customized to create one or more risk assessments

This creates the "assessment" of the plan, in which the risk assessment of the objects is presented.



The assessment plan is created from the assessment by selecting the objects (Add To Schedule).

Selected audits are then carried out in the Status "temporarily planned" created.

A **release** is issued.

2.3

Annual Plan / Multi-Year Plan

User Question

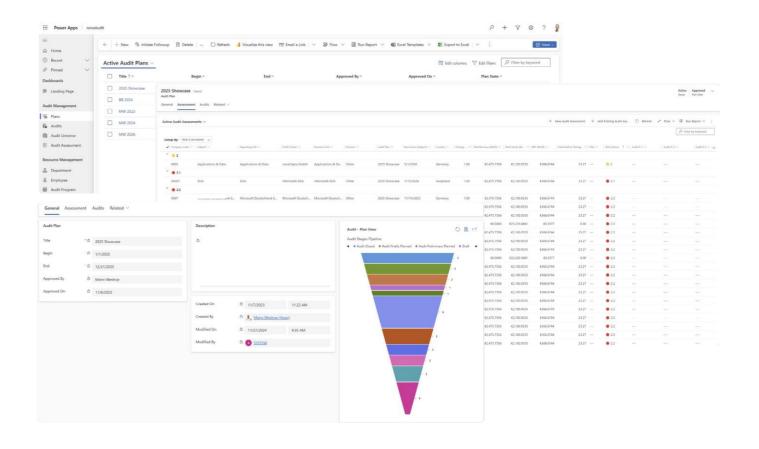
- (1) As auditors, we must derive an **annual plan and multi-year plan** (3-year plan) from all existing
 audit areas and their evaluation and have it
 approved by the Board of Directors / Management.
- (2) It must **be possible to derive** an annual and multi-year plan from the audit fields stored in the software and the evaluation from the risk assessment in order to be able to implement this requirement.
- (3) The approved plans are **archived** in the novaAudit **and can be retrieved at any time.**

(Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Audits are summarized in "plans". A plan can be any period or any other assignment. Transferring elements from the Audit Universe into a plan creates the basis for planning in the assessment.

For example, the assessment shows the weighted risks and looks at e.g. 5 years backwards to the audited element (audit X-1 to X-5). AU elements are evaluated using additional parameters, e.g. risks.

Multi-year planning can be derived from the "Cycle" tag of the AU element.



2.4 Audit Requirements / Operational Audit Planning

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2.4.1

Capacity Planning

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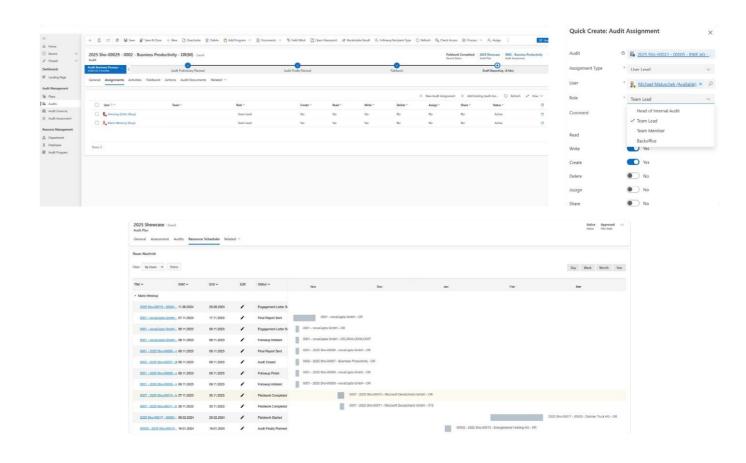
(1) As a team leader, I need an overview of the exams scheduled in the annual planning and the availability of my employees.

(2) As part of operational audit planning, I need to be able to allocate my staff capacities to the individual audits and thus create an operational annual plan so that the audit capacities can be used efficiently.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Audits are planned with "assignments" and roles and rights. Resource planning is also derived from this via the time windows.

The graphical overview shows people and time blocks in the overview. Changes can be adjusted interactively in the timeline.



2.4.2 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS| OPERATIONAL AUDIT PLANNING| AUDIT VARIANTS/TYPES

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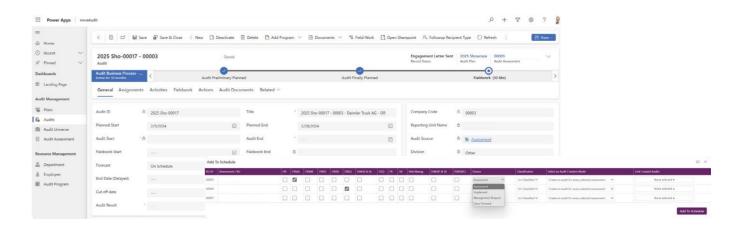
Audit Types

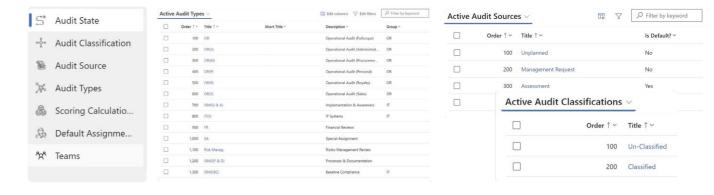
User Question

As internal auditors, we need to be able to distinguish between different types of audit. There are different scopes/requirements with regard to the expected activities and procedures for carrying out the audit, from process audits and project monitoring to follow-up audits and investigations. It should be possible to establish this in the system via audit type-specific workflows as well as differentiations in the authorizations.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

All audit-relevant details are stored in the "Audit master sheet". Typifications can be stored configuratively in the administration. In the transfer of assessments (Add to Schedule) to the audit plan, the typing can be carried out for each audit.





2.4.3

Audit Planning Memorandum (APM)

User Question

(1) An APM is created to plan the audit (timeline, scope, participants, other information).

(2) It should be possible to export this in order to make it available to service providers and third parties if necessary. The APM is approved by the Head of IR.

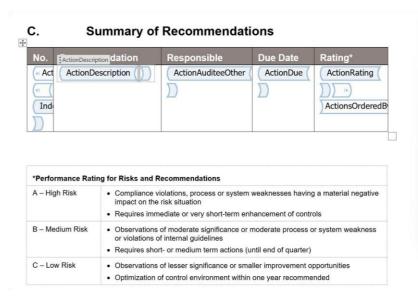
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Data from novaAudit can be output in Word documents, for example. Corresponding templates can be stored in the folders provided for this purpose.

These are "normal" Word documents that are processed into a template by inserting "Word fields".

novaAuditShowcase > - Templates

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-	Engagement Letter Templates	6. Februar
	Audit_Report_Template.dotx	6. Februar
	Instructions Follow Up Process.pdf	6/19/2023
X.	PBC_List_Template.xlsx	24. Juni



novaAudit then replaces these fields with data from the system. If necessary, it would also be conceivable to visualize an APM with the help of Power BI and export it using the available standard formats or simply release it to the persons concerned.

2.5 Audit Requirements /

Audit Execution

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Announcement

User Question

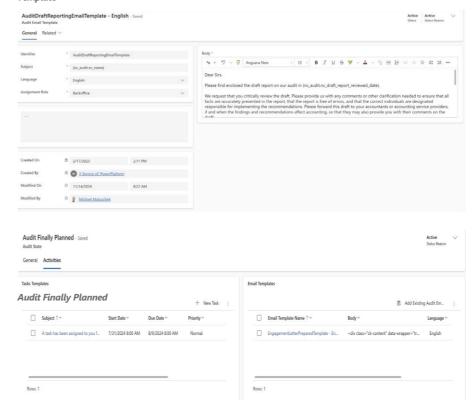
- (1) As Head of Internal Audit, it is my task to announce the audit to the management, the executives and, if applicable, the contact persons of the departments involved, so that an efficient audit can be carried out. This announcement should be documented in the audit file.
- (2) The creation and dispatch of the announcement should take place in novaAudit.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Exam announcements can be sent as e-mail templates in the administration area.

Activ	Active Email Templates ∨		
	Email Template Name ↑ ~		
	AuditDraftReportingEmailTemplate - English		
	Audit Final Reporting Email Template - English		
	Audit Followup Create Invitation Followup Recipient - English		
	Audit Followup Create Notification Followup Recipient - English		
	Audit Follow up No fity Audit Team On Follow Up Submitted - English		
	Audit Followup Resend Audit Plan To Followup Recipient - English		

Audit Draft Email Template



Announcements can be executed automatically or manually depending on the process step.

Multilingualism is a given.

Content is combined with data from novaAudit. Placeholders can be used for this according to a specific specification. novaAudit then replaces the placeholders with the data when this template is executed. The process is logged and the e-mails are saved.

As with the activities, email templates can be linked to the process step. For example, "Audit Finally Planned" leads to the creation of a task and the sending of the "Engagement Letters".

Standardized Audit Process

User Question

In novaAudit, I have the option off storing a standardized examination process with defined milestones and dates for each examination/examination type.

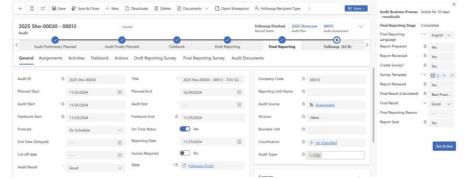
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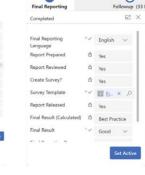
novaAudit allows you to control the audit process with individual process steps and optional and mandatory entries. Visually, the process steps are clearly displayed to the user as "business process flows" in the audit master sheet.

Each process step can contain different details/releases etc.

These are either displayed directly below the process step or
"pinned" on the right-hand side of the screen. It is only
possible to "move on" in the process once all mandatory
entries have been made.

Actions can be triggered based on this information.





The process steps can be configured in the administration area and dependent actions can be defined for each step.

The inputs can also be understood as quality gates.

2.5.3 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS| AUDIT IMPLEMENTATION| PRE-ASSESSMENT

2.5.3

Pre-Assessment

User Question

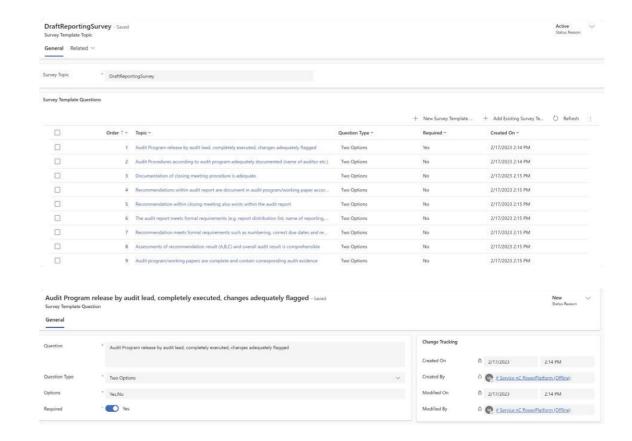
As an auditor, I carry out a pre-assessment before the official announcement with the aim of defining the scope of the audit in a risk-oriented manner. This assessment should be documented in novaAudit.

(v) Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Depending on the nature of the pre-assessment, surveys or dedicated test programs can be used here.

Surveys can be managed as templates in the administration area. Surveys can be executed depending on an audit process step.

Test programs: see requirements "Test execution - Work program"



2.5.4 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS | AUDIT IMPLEMENTATION | INFORMATION REQUEST

2.5.4

Information Request

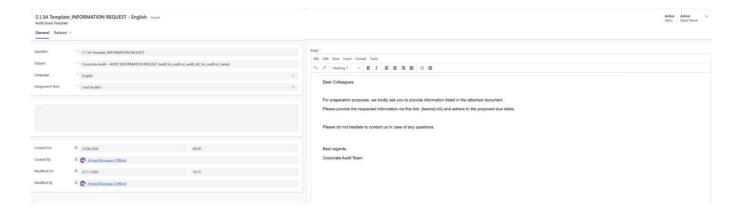
User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I need the right information from the specialist area for each key audit point. I request this via a list of requirements so that I can prepare the fieldwork efficiently.
- (2) The request is made available to the tested unit(s) via novaAudit.
- (3) As the audited unit, I provide Internal Audit with the requested data in novaAudit. I have the opportunity to comment on the submitted files (e.g. report not yet finalized as of Q3, attached Q2 and Q1)

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

An email template containing a link to the Auditee portal, where documents can be uploaded, can be used to provide information from specialist departments in advance of an audit.

An (Excel) file etc. or textual information can be attached to the template. The e-mail is then sent manually or semimanually.



Kick-Off

User Question

(1) As an auditor, I would like to create a predefined layout and content presentation for the audit in novaAudit.

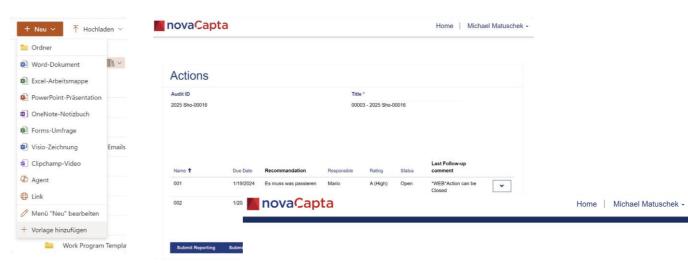
(2) As an auditor, I send a presentation from novaAudit to the audit committee after the kick-off. The dispatch is logged by novaAudit.

(v) Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

novaAudit uses SharePoint Online in the background to manage documents. Templates can be stored here. The customized presentation can be stored or saved in the context of the audit.

For sending the presentation to the auditee(s) several options are available:

- As a process step with quality gate (e.g. "KickOff takes place on: <date specified> and therefore dispatch by email
- Transmission via the Auditee Portal and dispatch of a eMay notification with link to the portal



Tasks/actions/etc. are clearly displayed to the auditor in the Auditee Portal.

Communication takes place exclusively via the portal and is therefore process-compliant and traceable.

Audits

Create a short description or engaging message to motivate your audience to take action



2.5.6 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS EXAM IMPLEMENTATION WORK PROGRAM

2.5.6

Work Program

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I would like to store a work program in the software that is individually adapted to the audit focus points so that I can document my audit results and evidence directly without application breaks.
- (2) novaAudit offers me as an auditor the option of using the Work Program either directly in novaAudit.

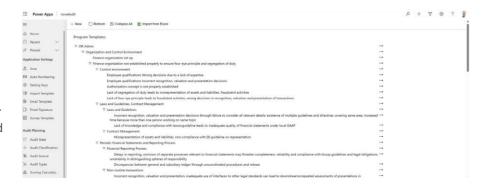
- or **upload** them novaAudit via an **upload function** (Word, Excel, ...). integrate.
- (3) As Head of Internal Audit, I accept the work program for the audit in novaAudit, which is documented in novaAudit.
- (4) As an auditor, I have the opportunity to report **changes** to the head of Internal Audit of the Work Program during

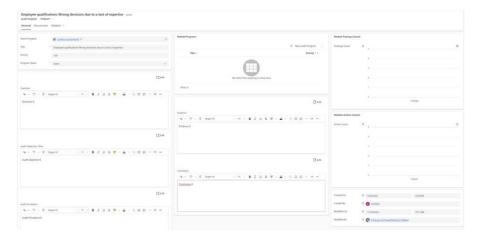
- of the audit for approval to be submitted.
- (5) As Head of Internal Audit, I approve subsequent changes to the work program in novaAudit. In novaAudit documents the Decision understandable.

✓ Included as standard -Configurable and customizable

Inspection programs can be defined in the administration. Templates for this could be ISO 9001, 14001, BRCGS or IFS. Typically, these are already available and are imported. The content of each "test step" can be customized.

Parameters such as risk characteristics, impact, priority, etc. as well as descriptive text, links or documents can be included in order to describe the audit action in detail and establish a standard. The audit programs are then assigned to an audit as part of the audit.





Work Program Repository

User Question

In novaAudit, I have the option of accessing standardized or already created WPs and using or **adapting** them for future tests.

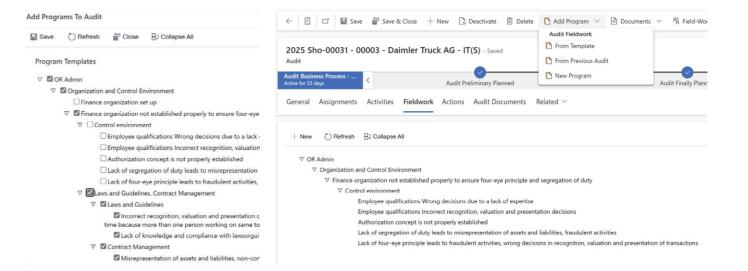
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In the context of an audit for the "Fieldwork" process step, test programs can be integrated in various ways:

- Selection from the templates (From Template)
- From an existing audit (From Previous Audit)
- Create new

In the future, Al could help to automatically generate suggestions for inspection programs from the context of the audit or by integrating corresponding "Al agents". Integration is already possible today but depends on the company's framework conditions.

The release for the test program is integrated via the process as already described.



Audit Evidence

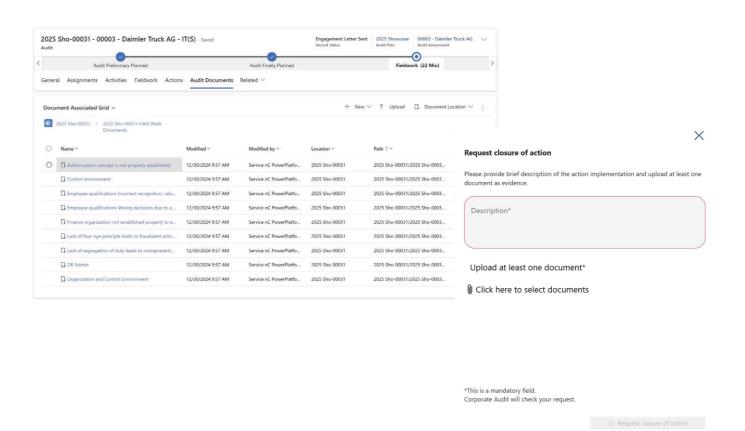
User Question

As an auditor, I would like to be able to comment on, edit and reference the audit evidence I receive from the department directly in the software so that I can quickly create audit evidence that is comprehensible to third parties.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Audit evidence in the form of documents is managed by novaAudit DMS based on SharePoint. This is in the context of the audit programs/steps.

A filing structure is automatically created for the audit program so that documents can be filed stringently. novaAudit automatically ensures that documents are filed in the right place as part of the audit program processing. Versioning is activated via SharePoint. Together with the Auditee portal, the exchange of documents with the specialist departments is also stringent and traceable. Not only documents but also communication (comments/messages) with the specialist departments are managed via the portal.



Communication with Auditees (Fieldwork)

User Question

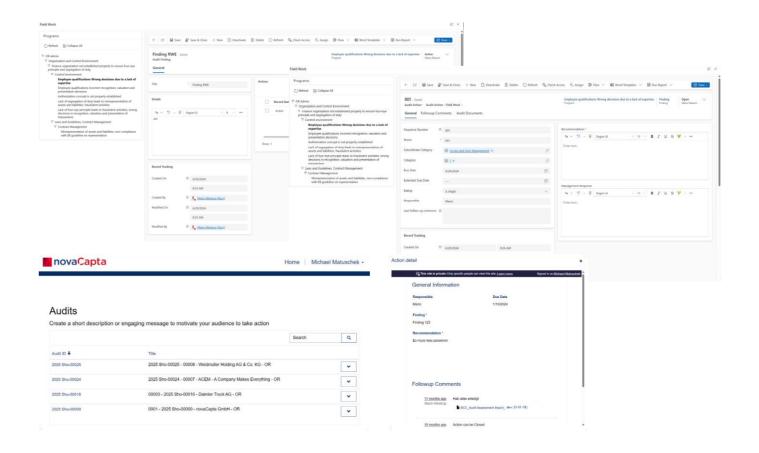
As an auditor, I want to be able to **communicate** easily and quickly with the experts from the **specialist area** during the fieldwork via novaAudit (e.g. request additional reports that go beyond the IR) and **exchange files** so that I can efficiently assign and document the relevant audit evidence to the audit procedures.

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Findings and measures are recorded in the context of the audit programs. Measures are assigned due dates, persons responsible for implementation, etc.

When a milestone ("FollowUp Initiated") or another trigger is reached, an invitation is sent to the person(s) responsible for the measure with a link to the Auditee Portal. All communication then takes place via the portal.

The auditee communicates with the auditor by sending a message or uploading documents via the portal. The data is stored and logged in novaAudit.



2.5.10 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS CONDUCTING THE AUDIT SETTING INTERVIEW DATES

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Set Interview Dates

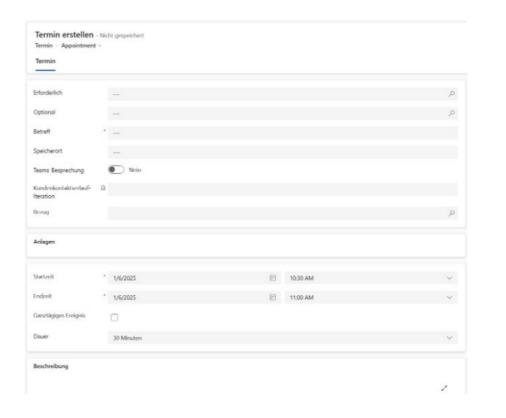
User Question

(1) For documentation purposes, it is necessary to create an **overview of** all meetings held with the audit committee, including the participants during the audit phase.

(2) It would be useful to integrate novaAudit into appointment invitations so that these appointment invitations, including their participants and agenda, can also be stored there and, if necessary, canceled and adjusted again and can be called up again later as an overview.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

Appointments can be created directly in the context of an audit. A corresponding entity is available.



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2.5.11

Findings & Measures

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I **document** any weaknesses (**findings**) identified in novaAudit during the audit and assess the **severity of** the finding and derive the risks for the company resulting from the finding.
- (2) As an auditor, I create **one or more measures** in novaAudit to rectify a finding. As an auditor, I appoint a **person responsible for** each **measure** and set a deadline for completion.

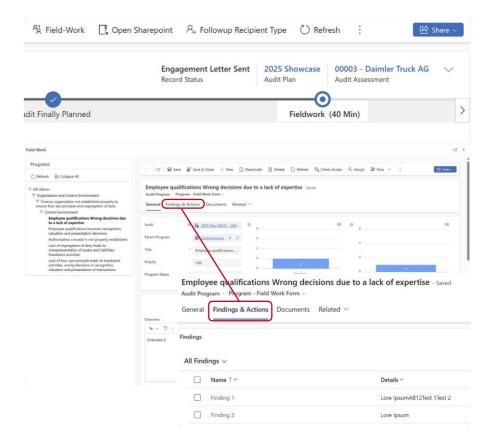
- (3) As an auditor, I **refer to** novaAudit with a capital of the **work program.**
- (4) As Internal Audit, we require the function that a dual control principle is established in novaAudit for the approval of findings and associated measures. The approval authority depends on the severity of the findings (e.g. approval of significant or higher categorized findings and the associated measures by the Head of Internal Audit).

✓ Included as standard -Configurable and customizable

See "3.5.9 Communication with Department during Fieldwork".

After reaching the Fieldwork process step and defining the test program program for the audit, the "Fieldwork Editor" can be called up to record the findings and measures. The Fieldwork Editor (FWE) is an integrated environment for "processing" the test program. Based on the details of the test step, the findings and measures are recorded directly in the FWE.

This procedure ensures the seamless allocation of test program/test step/findings/measures.



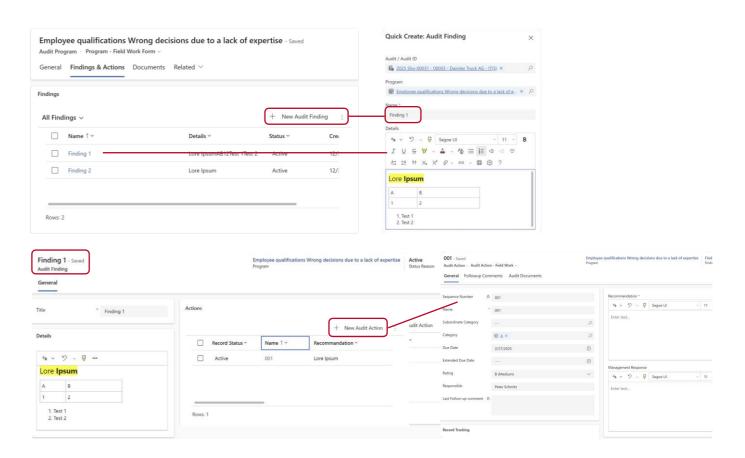
2.5.11 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AUDIT PERFORMANCE FINDINGS & MEASURES

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Findings & Measures

- Capture findings directly in the context of the test step. Adaptation of the fields configuratively.
- Recording of measures in the context of finding and test step.
 Fields configurable and customizable.
- The descriptive text fields can be of the type "Text Only" or "RTF Text" and then with formatting.

- Editing RTF/ HTML text has become increasingly sophisticated.
- Today, very "Word-like" functions are available. Details: Adding the rich text editor control to a modeldriven app



2.5.11 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS | AUDIT PERFORMANCE | FINDINGS & MEASURES

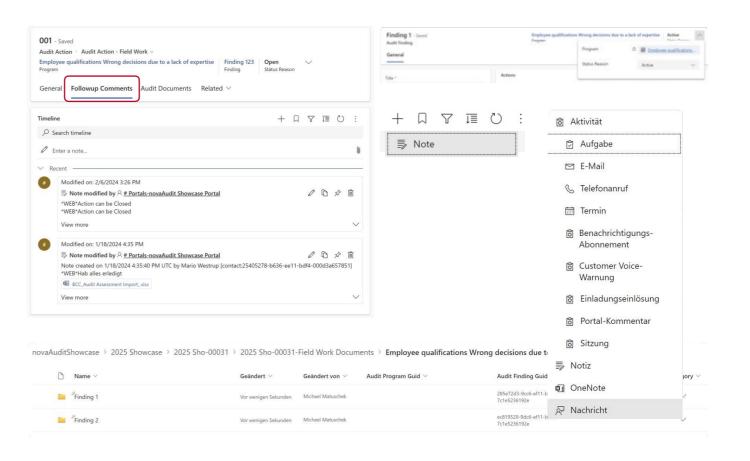
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Findings & Measures

- Authorization control:
 Auditors provide documents,
 auditees are allowed to read
 and can upload documents to
 dedicated locations
 themselves.
- In the "Follow-Up" Comments tab, the entire communication between the auditee and the auditor is displayed as a timeline.
- This means that all comments made via the Auditee portal between the "parties" are exchanged can be found here.

- You can add your own notes. In principle, other entities such as emails, appointments etc. can also be added. This would have to be discussed professionally.
- The "Audit Documents" tab is used to access the documents at this level
- The release could be mapped via the status of the finding by extending the status level.
 Other release mechanisms can be extended.



2.5.12 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AUDIT PERFORMANCE CLOSING CREATE

2.5.12

Create Closing

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I prepare a **closing presentation** in novaAudit based on the findings and measures described.
- (2) As an auditor, I would like to send the closing presentation from novaAudit to the auditee.
- (3) As an auditor, I would like to **archive** the closing presentation in novaAudit.

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Depending on the type of closing presentation, it may be there are several options:

- Manually, e.g. as a PPT by using a PPT template and saving it in the audit's DMS with subsequent dispatch by email via a template. It is sent as a link or file.
- Automatic generation as a Word "report" e.g. Word and provision in the Auditee portal (see "Audit execution -Create report").
- Presentation as a Power BI report with all relevant data and the findings/measures from novaAudit.

C. Summary of Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsible	Due Date	Rating*
- Act	ActionDescription	ActionAuditeeOther	ActionDue	ActionRating (Actions OrderedB

	ng for Risks and Recommendations
A – High Risk	 Compliance violations, process or system weaknesses having a material negative impact on the risk situation
	Requires immediate or very short-term enhancement of controls
B – Medium Risk	 Observations of moderate significance or moderate process or system weakness or violations of internal guidelines
	Requires short- or medium term actions (until end of quarter)
C - Low Risk	Observations of lesser significance or smaller improvement opportunities
	Optimization of control environment within one year recommended

Reconcile Report & Version Control

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I need the function of discussing the contents of the report in draft status with the head of Internal Audit and agreeing on the wording so that the draft report can be made available to the audit committee via novaAudit.
- (2) As Head of Internal Audit, I release the draft report in novaAudit.
- (3) As an auditor, I need the function in novaAudit to communicate the contents of the report in draft status with the experts in the department and to coordinate the formulations so that the final report reflects the common understanding of the risks and associated measures. reflects.
- (4) As an auditor, I need the opportunity to comment on the draft report and suggest adjustments and to make these available to the internal audit department in novaAudit. to place.
- (5) As an auditor, I need the option of mapping several internal and external audit reconciliation loops in novaAudit and to document.

User Question

(6) As an internal auditor, I am able to track the version history of the draft report novaAudit at any time.

(7) As the head of Internal Audit, I release the financial report in novaAudit and send it to the relevant group of recipients. In addition to employees and managing directors, the group of recipients may also include managers of the Group and contact persons of the auditor of the annual financial statements.

✓ Included as standard - Configurable - CustomizableExpansion under discussion

See also "3.5.15 Audit implementation - Follow-up measures" and "3.5.4 Audit implementation - Information request ff",

There are several ways to reconcile reports:

Audit Team Intern:

- Directly in novaAudit, e.g. clearly arranged in the fieldwork editor or audit master sheet
- Via an automatically generated Word report

With the "Auditees"

- About the Auditee Portal
- Via an automatically generated Word report

Reconcile Report & Version Control

The version control solution integrated in novaAudit enables smooth and transparent collaboration between auditors and auditees during report preparation.

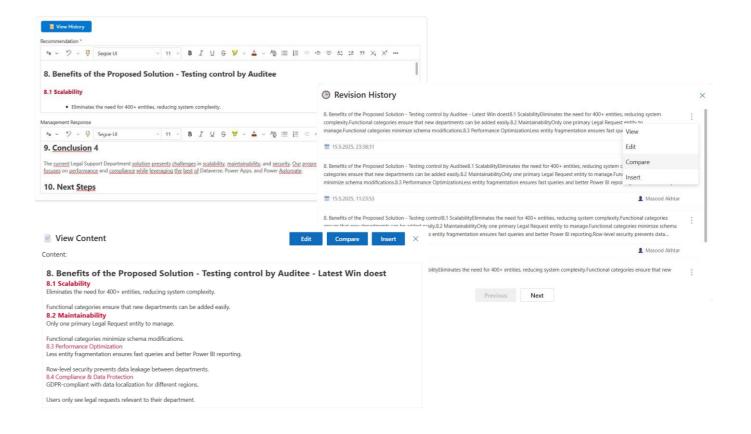
Instead of manually exchanging content via Word documents, all editing and coordination takes place directly within the system. The solution is based on the Microsoft Power Platform and uses model-driven apps, canvas apps and specially developed PCF components.

By saving the content in Dataverse, every change to a rich text field is automatically versioned and documented in a historically traceable manner. Users can view and compare every change and revert to a previous version if required.

As soon as content has been finalized, it can be marked as final within the system and used for automated report generation. This makes the entire review process more efficient, transparent and audit-proof.

Version control is available for auditors via the model-driven app. They have access to all text fields assigned to them and can edit them in an integrated editor. They can call up the version history of a field at any time via an embedded PCF component, for example to see who made which changes and when.

Once they have finished editing, they can submit the content for review and are automatically notified as soon as it has been approved or if changes are required.



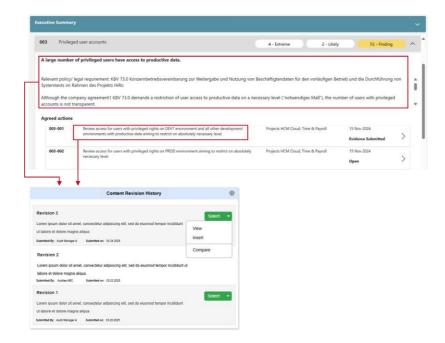
Reconcile Report & Version Control

Auditees, on the other hand, work via a separate Canvas app that is specifically tailored to their needs.

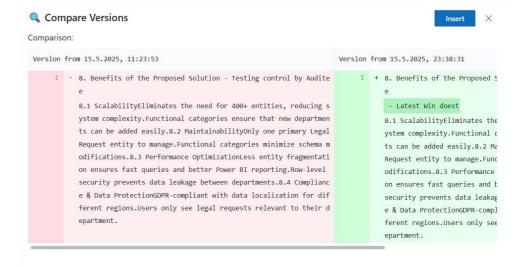
They can see the complete change history of the fields that have been assigned to them for editing and can compare two versions with each other. Based on a selected version, adjustments can be made in the Rich Text Editor with extensive formatting functions.

Submission is also conveniently done with a click

- including the option to track the status of your own submissions at any time.



Both auditors and auditees benefit from the extended functions of the PCF component. This not only allows a differentiated view and comparison of versions. but also offers the option of accepting or processing changes directly within the system. As soon as content is approved, it can be finalized and released for report generation - without media disruptions or manual merging of files.



Create Report

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I need the function to create a report based on the findings and measures of the individual audit procedures according to a defined layout so that I can report on the results of the audit. The report also contains background information and management summaries, which can be entered directly in novaAudit.
- (2) As an auditor, I need the function to directly edit the report template **in novaAudit.**
- (3) As an auditor, I have the option of choosing in which **order**/ The findings are presented in the report in the following order (e.g. clustering according to the severity of the findings, clustering according to subject areas)

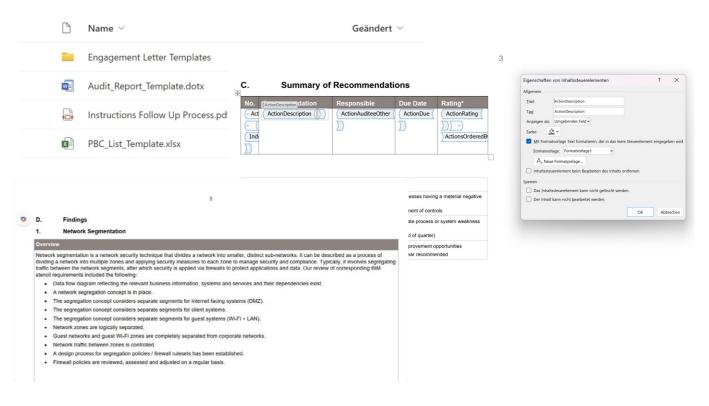
✓ Included as standard -Configurable and customizable

Different templates can be provided for reports, e.g. for different sorting or levels of detail.

The templates are created in Word and managed in the novaAudit DMS.

Existing Word templates can be reused, but must be supplemented with the novaAudit fields.

novaAuditShowcase > - Templates



Follow-up Measures

User Question

(1) As an auditor, I send all measures agreed in the audits with the specialist department, including due dates, to the person responsible for the measures in novaAudit so that we as auditors can monitor that the risks are mitigated within the

(2) As auditor I decide on

mitigated and

"Measures with changes",

whether the **risks** have been

- document my decision in novaAudit. The auditor receives information from the system. tion about the decision.
- (3) As the auditor, I decide in novaAudit on deadline extensions requested by the auditee and document my decision in novaAudit. The auditor receives information from the system about the decision.
- (4) As an internal auditor, I need a connection to the Active

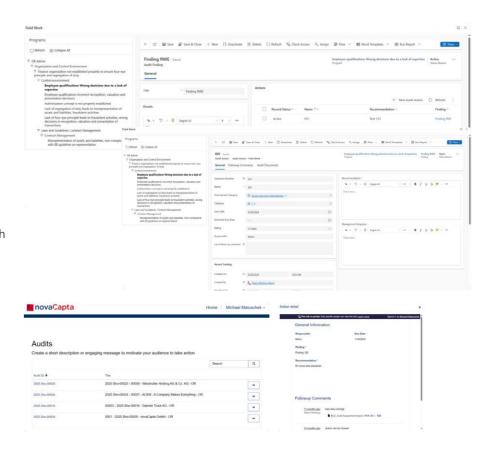
 Directories (internally: EOD/CD) so that measures can be adapted to the current situation at all times. are assigned to all job holders.

✓ Included as standard -Configurable and customizable

See also "3.5.5 Audit procedure". leadership - kick-off".

All communication in the FollowUp is handled via the Auditee portal. As soon as the FollowUp period begins, the emails with the notification can be sent out automatically or semi-automatically.

The checked unit receives an e-mail with a link to the portal. Only data to which the unit or person has access is displayed. Feedback is provided exclusively via the portal. The auditor is informed about incoming feedback from the auditor (textual information and documents). The communication history is logged and listed in the timeline.



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2.5.15 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS| AUDIT IMPLEMENTATION| FOLLOW-UP MEASURES

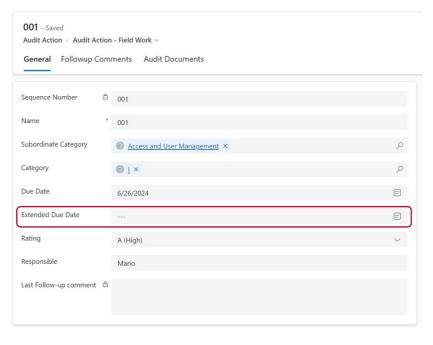
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2.5.15

Follow-up Measures

An extended due date is provided for in the standard. This can either be set by the auditor or requested by the auditor in the portal.

Reminder or escalation e-mails can be set up via novaAudit.

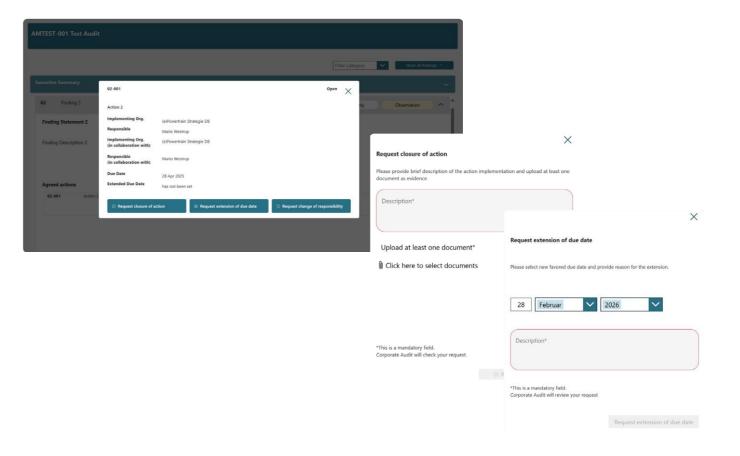


Unsubscribe from Follow-up Measures

User Question

- (1) As an auditor, I need the functions in novaAudit:
- Sign off agreed measures. I would also like to be able to provide the audit with evidence and explanations of the completed issues. to deregister measures with changes.
- An extension of the deadline for to apply for agreed measures
- (2) As head of department of the audited area, I need an overview that shows the findings and measures assigned to my area, including due dates, and reminds me of due dates so that I have a complete overview of the risks assigned to me and can mitigate the risks in a timely manner.

⊘ Included as standard - Configurable and customizable



2.6. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT: PROVISION OF DOCUMENTS (FIELDWORK)

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2.6

Auditees: Provision of Documents (Fieldwork)

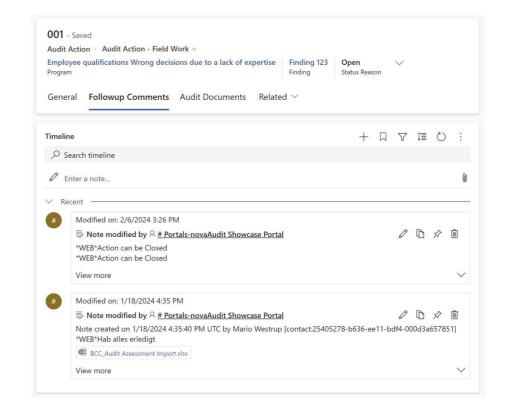
User Question

(1) As an expert from the specialist area, I need a function to be able to send **queries and documents** (evidence) quickly, easily and securely (confidentially) to the responsible auditors in novaAudit so that I can answer the queries without much additional effort.

Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

This is also ensured via the Auditee Portal. As already described under "3.5.11 Audit performance - findings & measures", all communication between the auditor and the auditee is managed via the portal.

The communication can be viewed in full in the timeline for the measure.



2.7

Ad-hoc & Management Reporting

User Question

- (1) As Head of Internal Audit, I need an overview of the current **processing status of the annual plan**. It must be possible to evaluate the status of the individual audits (e.g. planned, started, in the reporting phase, completed). The report must also contain the date of the last status change.
- (2) As Head of Internal Audit, I need an overview of the processing status of the remediation of findings (open/resolved findings; open/closed measures) so that I can Monitor timely implementation of the measures
- and can report to the Management Board. The report must also include the date of the status change as well as the persons responsible for the measures and information on the measures taken.

 approved deadline extensions.
- (3) The reporting function must include **filter functions** with regard to all characteristics of an audit, the findings and measures, so that the evaluations can be carried out with a high degree of flexibility through settings on the user interface. can be designed.

✓ Included as standard -Configurable and customizable

Microsoft Power BI has been integrated for reporting, dashboards and data analytics.

The dashboards can be set up by the customer themselves with little training.

The data comes directly from the underlying database "Data- verse" (Power Platform Standard). Dashboards can be offered for different target groups, which only see "Your data" depending on your authorization.

What is Power BI? - Power BI Microsoft
Learn



2.8 Audit Requirements / Quality Assurance

2.8.1

Documentation / Workflows

User Question

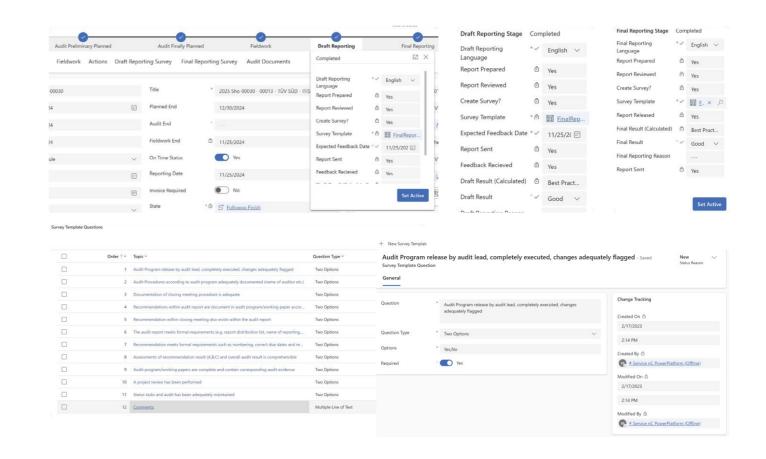
(1) As Head of Internal Audit and Audit Manager, we need a function to document our internally specified quality assurance (e.g. 4AP for findings/measures) or review of the relevant working papers so that we can prove the implementation of our internally specified quality assurance to third parties (e.g. auditors of the annual financial statements).

⊘ Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

See also "3.5.2 Performing the audit - standard audit procedures". sized audit process".

Each process step can be defined with quality gates/checks. Without this information, the process can be prevented from "moving on". The quality assurance inputs are shown using the example of the Draft Reporting and Final Reporting process steps. These are of course customizable. The authorizations can be individually configured here in the event that, for example, only the IR manager is allowed to grant approvals here.

The mandatory implementation of "surveys" for quality assurance can also be integrated here. Surveys are checks via "questionnaires" that can be stored as templates in novaAudit and are triggered here.



2.8.2 AUDIT REQUIREMENTS | QUALITY ASSURANCE | WORKFLOWS

2.8.2

Workflows

User Question

(1) As Head of Internal Audit and Audit Manager, we need the function of mapping and documenting **the** implementation of quality assurance through releases for milestones individually defined in our audit workflow.

(2) In addition, it should be possible to configure **technical checks/plausibility checks** for certain status transitions in the audit workflow on the system side, i.e. system-side QA steps without additional manual effort.

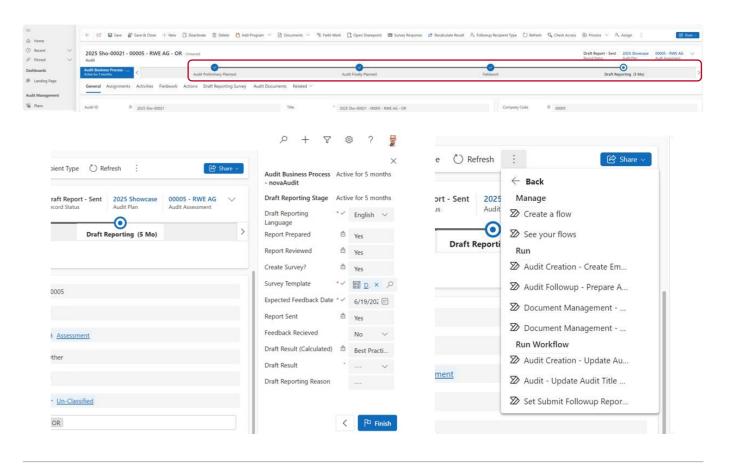
Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

The entire process is controlled via the customizable "Business Process Flows (BPF). Each BPF can require necessary or optional information, which can also prevent the next step.

Each step can trigger a workflow that performs different actions:

- Setting authorizations
- Sending e-mails based on templates
- Creating tasks for persons or groups
- Generation of documents

Workflows are either preconfigured by novaAudit and can therefore be configured directly or can be created as NoCode/LowCode using the Microsoft Power Platform.



2.9 Professional Requirements / Audit Requirements

2.9.1

Role Model / Authorization Concept

User Question

(1) As an audit department, we have various roles within our own department and for the audited areas; different authorizations must be assigned for these roles in order to be able to individually map a separation of functions, the need-to-know principle and the restriction of certain processing steps.

(2) Ideally, it should be possible to connect novaAudit to our company's **IAM tool** in order to ensure **semi-automated role assignment**.

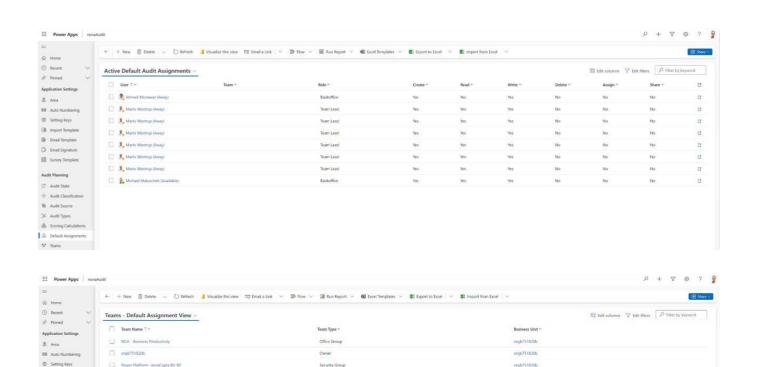
⊘ Included as standard - Configurable and customizable

novaAudit has a customizable authorization model.

Authorizations based on persons and/or groups/roles can be predefined in the administration. Individual authorizations can also be made or predefined ones overwritten.

Authorizations can also be derived on the basis of audit types, for example. E.g. Classified Audit= Standard | Unclassified = Restricted Access (Fraud).

During the course of an audit, authorizations at milestones/QualityGates can be changed automatically on a process basis



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I Import Template

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2.9.2

Artificial Intelligence / Copilot

novaAudit can integrate AI technologies very easily

(Microsoft license dependencies). First and foremost, Microsoft-based technologies such as

Copilot are available to us as a deep integration in all

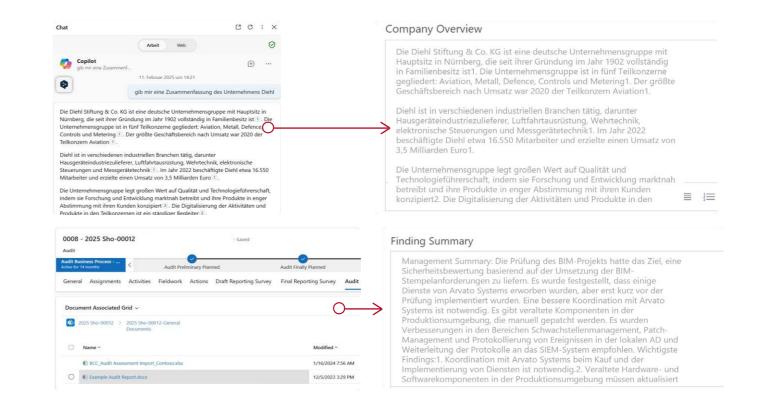
Microsoft applications.

Microsoft Azure Al Services can also be used

to implement individual use cases:

- Company Overview
- Finding Summary
- Comparison of supplier contracts with the Compliance guidelines
- Generation of replies to e-mails
- Evaluation of facts
- Risk assessment based on facts

Our customers are currently collecting corresponding use cases.



IT-Relevant Requirements

3.1

General

The underlying Microsoft technology enables the complete integration of novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition into Microsoft 365 - a decisive advantage during the introduction, because your users work in the already familiar user interface in Microsoft 365 and Dynamics 365 and benefit from the integration into Microsoft Teams when working together.

With the Microsoft Power Platform as its basis, novaAudit - PowerCloud Edition also enables your users to access the cloud solution from anywhere and at any time. The implementation of third-party systems is also possible.

The technology not only offers you and your employees maximum flexibility and integration capability in use, but also maximum adaptability and expandability. The flows initially developed by us can be adapted by you if required (in the future). This means that you are not dependent on us as the manufacturer when requirements change.

Operation in your company's own Microsoft Cloud not only ensures stable performance, but also guarantees compliance with your company's security standards.

This makes novaAudit - PowerCloud
Edition currently the only audit
management solution on the
market that achieves 100%
Microsoft integration and the
highest security standards.

Technical Stack

100% Microsoft Power Platform App novaAudit Power Cloud Edition 100% in the customer's M365 tenant Integration of third-party systems Scalable application based on Web browser, Teams and Microsoft apps the Dynamics 365 framework Microsoft Database based (Dataverse) Microsoft 365 **Dynamics 365** Familiar user interfaces from Microsoft 365 and Dynamics 365 Microsoft **Power Platform** Microsoft Teams integration possible Various stages possible Microsoft Azure Granular authorization control Identity, Security, Management and Compliance

3.2 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS LICENSE MODEL

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3.2

License Model

License model Microsoft Power Platform

Many companies already have
Microsoft licenses - often including
those that cover the use of the Power
Platform. We recommend checking this
internally first. We would be happy to
support you in this and are available for
coordination.

As many companies are currently introducing the Micro- soft Power Platform company-wide, it is quite possible that corresponding licenses are being procured anyway or are already planned.

We know that licensing can be a complex issue. Talk to us - together we will work out a suitable license model that meets your requirements.

As an official Microsoft CSP license partner, we not only provide you with expert advice, but can also create an individual license offer for you on request.

License model novaAudit

novaAudit is sold as a company license with a license price for unlimited use and an annual software maintenance fee.

Support in the form of a hotline can be agreed as a separate contract for a fee.

The company license includes:

Unlimited number of auditors

Unlimited number of auditees

3.3 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS CONFIGURATION 6 CUSTOMIZABILITY

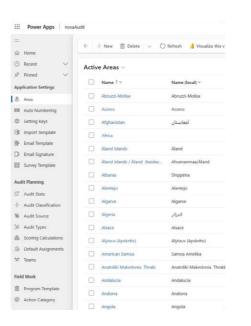
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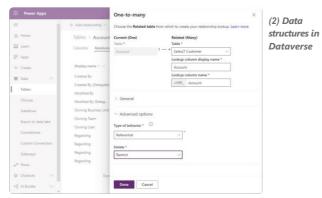
Configuration & Customizability

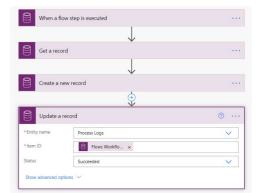
The customizability of novaAudit is based on the functional options in the administration and the technical concepts for model-driven apps within the Power Platform.

- (1) Configuration options in novaAudit
- (2) Data structures in Dataverse
- (3) UI in the framework (example: <u>Create and customize a model-driven app form - Power Apps |</u>
 Microsoft Learn)
- (4) Processes as NoCode in Power Automate

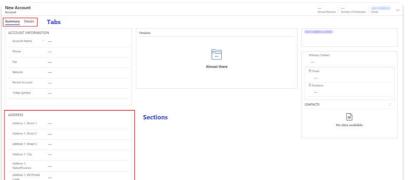
novaAudit is delivered as a basic managed solution. Customizations are implemented customer-specifically in an unmanaged solution (solution concepts - Power Platform | Microsoft Learn).







(3) Processes as NoCode in Power Automate



(4) UI in the Framework

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Address 1: Country/Region 3.4 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS | LANGUAGE SUPPORT

3.4

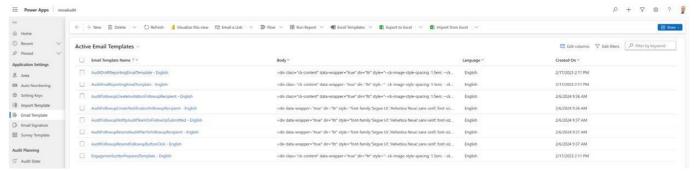
Language Support

novaAudit can be used with the options provided by Microsoft in all languages supported by Microsoft. can be operated. (Translating localizable text for model-driven applications)

novaAudit is implemented in a core language. Translations into other languages, in particular "audit jargon", can be imported via Export -> Translation -> Import.

novaAudit offers templates (e-mails/ Tasks/Word) in multiple languages.





3.5 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS ACCESSIBILITY

3.5

Accessibility

novaAudit as a model-driven app is based on the same principles as Microsoft Dynamics 365. It is flexibly customizable and offers the maximum convenience you can expect from a web application.

Integrations of the latest Copilot are automatically provided by Microsoft.
Al-based functions can be easily integrated.

The Microsoft Model-Driven App offers numerous functions to support people with disabilities. It is fully compatible with screen readers such as JAWS, NVDA and Narrator, which enables barrier-free navigation. tion.

A contrast mode improves readability for people with visual impairments, and keyboard navigation with shortcuts allows use without a mouse.

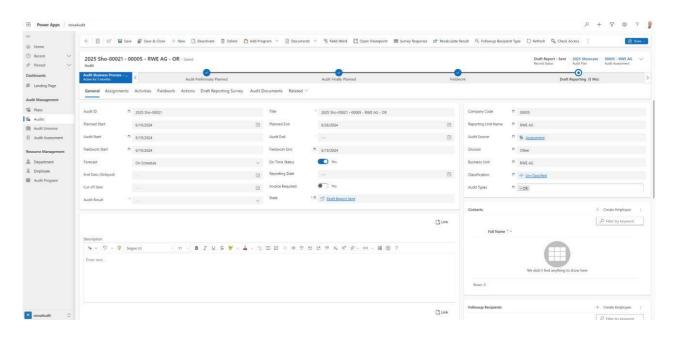
The font size can be adjusted and all images and graphic elements are provided with alternative texts so that screen readers can also interpret visual information. These functions ensure inclusive access to the application.

Accessibility in Dynamics 365

Customer engagement (on-premises)

<u>Design for accessibility in Dynamics</u>
365

Accessibility tools for Microsoft 3 6 5



3.6 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS FROONOMICS

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3.6

Ergonomics

The user interface of the model-driven app is designed for efficiency and user-friendliness. An intuitive design with clear symbols and instructions makes navigation easier and reduces the cognitive load.

Users can customize layouts, change window sizes and personalize dashboards, which enables better adaptation to individual working styles.

Thanks to the responsive design, the app automatically adapts to different screen sizes, regardless of whether it is used on a desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Other ergonomic advantages include fast loading times, which improve the workflow, and drag-and-drop functionality, which makes it easy to move and arrange elements.

These features help to ensure that working with novaAudit remains pleasant, efficient and flexible - even over longer periods of use.

3.7 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS MOBILE USE

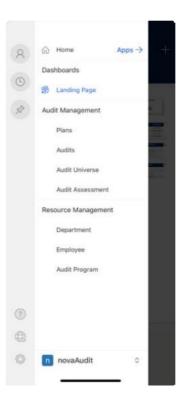
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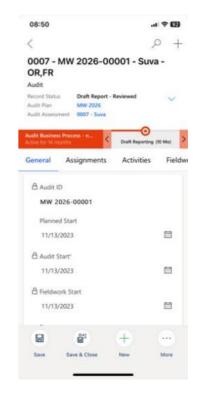
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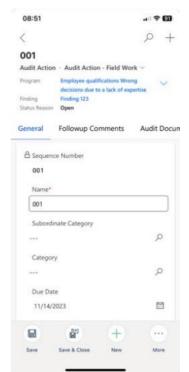
Mobile Use

As a model-driven app, novaAudit is mobile-capable and responsive on different form factors thanks to the use of the Microsoft UI framework.

Using Power Apps appmodel-controlled apps in the mobile







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IT-Relevant Requirements /

User Administration & Access

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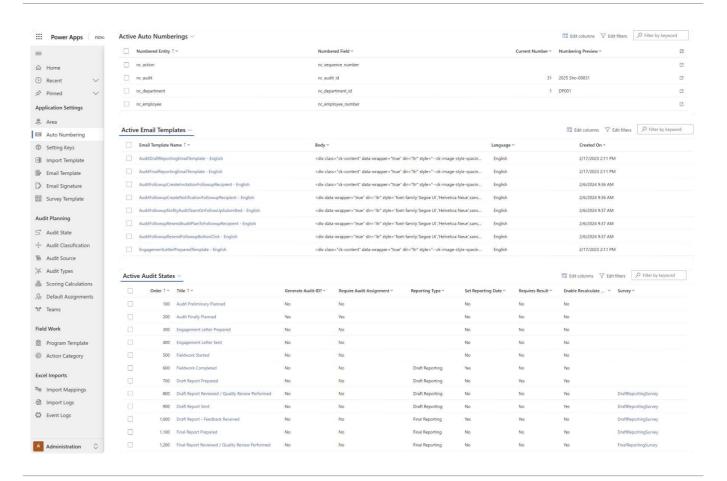
3.8.1 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS USER MANAGEMENT & ACCESS ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZATION

3.8.1

Administrator Authorization

novaAudit has numerous configuration options that control the customization of the functional characteristics completely without technical knowledge.

Only excerpts are shown opposite.



3.8.2

Login Procedure - Single Sign On

novaAudit uses the login procedures that have been agreed for your M365 tenant by the company IT department.

What is fora single sign-on?

3.9 IT-Relevant Requirements Data Management

3.9.1 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS DATA MANAGEMENT DATA IMPORT / MIGRATION

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3.9.1

Data Import / Migration

novaAudit offers a wide range of options for simple data integration - be it via the import of Excel files or via powerful interfaces for connecting external systems. We have also successfully implemented migrations from other audit solutions especially **Audimex.**

3.9.2 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS DATA MANAGEMENT IMPORT / EXPORT / CONNECTORS

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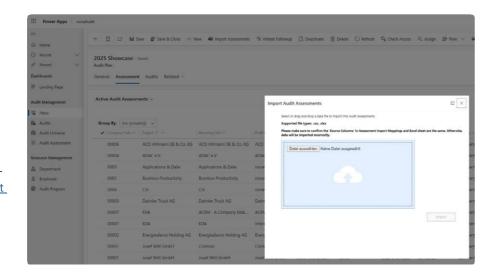
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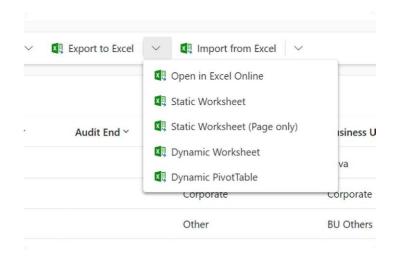
Import / Export / Connectors

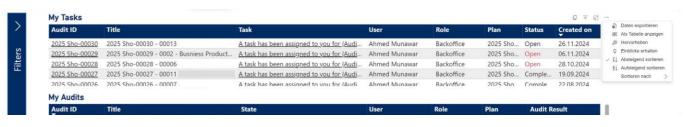
novaAudit based on the Microsoft Power Platform is part of M365. This means that all M365 services are fully integrated.

Thanks to ready-made connectors, almost any current application can be addressed in read and write mode (List of all Power Apps connectors| Microsoft Learn).

novaAudit also offers import options for the Audit Universe or your test programs, for example. Further import/export options are already provided as standard.







3.9.3 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS| DATA MANAGEMENT| DELETION CONCEPT

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3.9.3

Deletion Concept

In accordance with legal and regulatory requirements - such as the GDPR or MaRisk - it must be possible to delete personal data at any time.

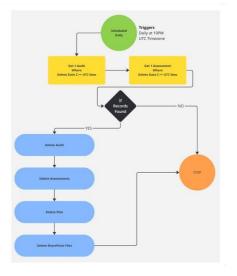
At the same time, it must be ensured that information relevant to the audit can be marked accordingly and exempted from deletion in exceptional cases, e.g. in the case of fraudulent actions.

novaAudit supports the automated deletion of findings, issues and measures (including associated metadata) after defined retention periods, for example after six or seven years.

The final audit reports are kept for ten years as standard and then automatically deleted. Exceptions to this rule can be flexibly configured and documented accordingly.

Тур	Scope	Working papers, Issues, Actions (inkl. Log Files und weiterer verfinkter Objekte)	Metadaten (ohne Audit Number, Audit Name, Fiscal Year, Final Report Sent, Data Deletion Dates, Audit Type, Audit Status, Department in-Charge, Extra Sensitive, Audit Sensitivity, Audit Objects)	Abschluss- berichte	Berechnung Löschdatum
	Standard	6 Jahre		10 Jahre	zum Jahresende

- · Trigger:
 - Scheduled daily at 10 PM UTC
- · Step 1: Assessment & Audit Check
 - Get only one Audit and one Assessment record where
 Delete Date 1 <= <u>UTCNow.</u>
- Condition Check:
 - If Record Found: Execute the deletion full cycle.
 - If No Record Found: Stop the flow.
- Deletion Cycle:
 - Delete Assessments, Audits, Plans
 - Delete SharePoint Files.
- · End:
 - Flow ends upon completion or if no audit/assessment records meet the criteria.



3.10

IT-Relevant Requirements

Security & Data Protection

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3.10.1

Data Protection

Since novaAudit is operated on the customer's Microsoft 365 tenant. novaAudit is also subject to all the guidelines specified for this tenant without exceptions.

The Microsoft Power Platform attaches great importance to the protection of sensitive data and the security of its applications. All transmitted and stored data is secured with modern encryption technologies such as SSL/TLS (for data transmissions) and AES (for stored data).

Access to the applications is protected by multi-factor authentication (MFA) to ensure that only authorized users have access. The role-based access control allows precise assignment of rights users only see the data that is relevant to their role.

In addition, regular security updates ensure that known vulnerabilities are Suspicious activities are detected and

The Power Platform therefore meets modern standards for data protection, traceability and compliance - an essential component for use in securitycritical areas such as auditing.

quickly closed. logged by a comprehensive monitoring and logging system in order to be able to react to security incidents at an early stage.

3.10.2 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS| SECURITY & DATA PROTECTION| BACKUP 6 RECOVERY

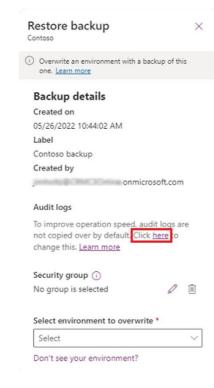
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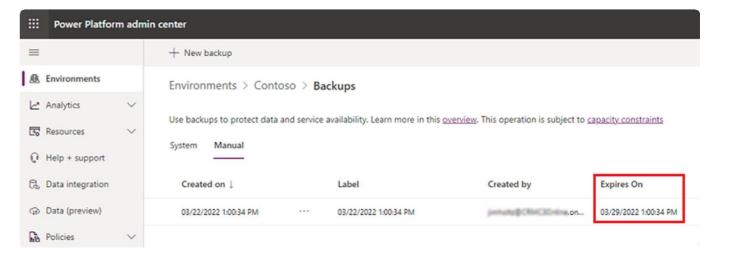
Backup & Recovery

Microsoft has already provided certain procedures for this:

Back up and restore environments Power Platform | Microsoft Learn

Your company's IT department is responsible for this.





3.11 IT-RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS | MANAGED SERVICE

3.11

Managed Service

novaCapta offers services for a fee to customers with their own Managed Service business unit.

As a rule, this is a Level 2 support, because IT itself often provides the Level 1 helpdesk. The exact demarcation and handover points must be agreed on a case-by-case basis. The services could be as follows:

Onboarding and ramp-up of the service

Teams (one-off) incl. connection to the customer ticket system if desired

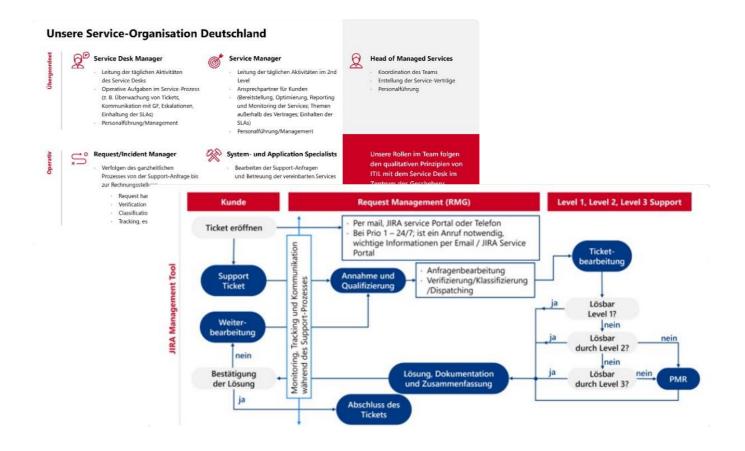
Managed service continuous

Standard SLA; response time within one working day

Standard Service Time CET 9:00 - 17:00 on working days except German public holidays **Monthly service fee** (standby and basic service flat rate)

Processing tickets in one Volume of assumed 8 h.

(Min. billing unit 15 min) As a minimum for ensuring resource availability. Additional services beyond the quota at cost.





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