Evolution of early warning system for lenders



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- Getting started: getting past the theory
- **Innovative data sources**
- **Re-calibration: learning from model performance**
- **Critical success factors**



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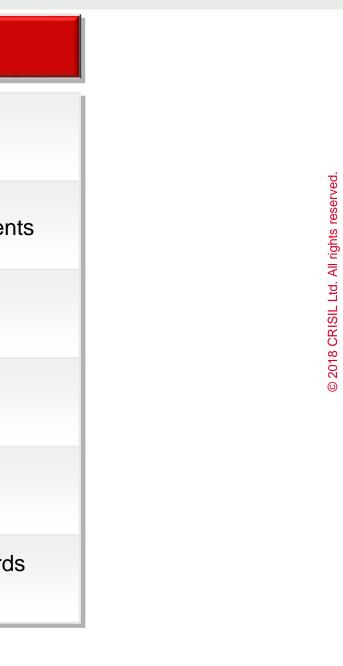
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Early warning transcends traditional monitoring through institutionalisation of a proactive risk culture

	Traditional monitoring	Early warning
Approach	Reactive	 Proactive
Focus	 Primarily on big-ticket borrowers 	 Across all borrower segment
Frequency	 Quarterly/semi-annual borrower review 	 Periodic, near real-time assessment of borrowers
Visibility	 Information asymmetry b/w branches & RMD 	 Borrower visibility across monitoring lifecycle
Breadth	 Lack of consolidated borrower view 	 360-degree view of the borrower
Output	 MIS based on manual data cleaning, analysis 	 Risk-intelligence dashboard with drill-downs







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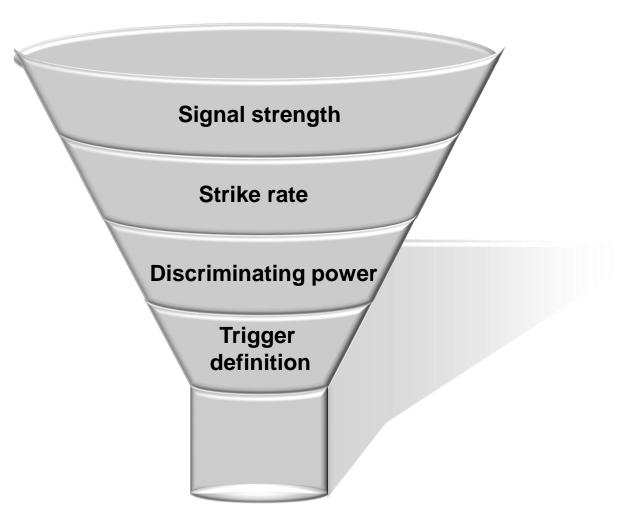
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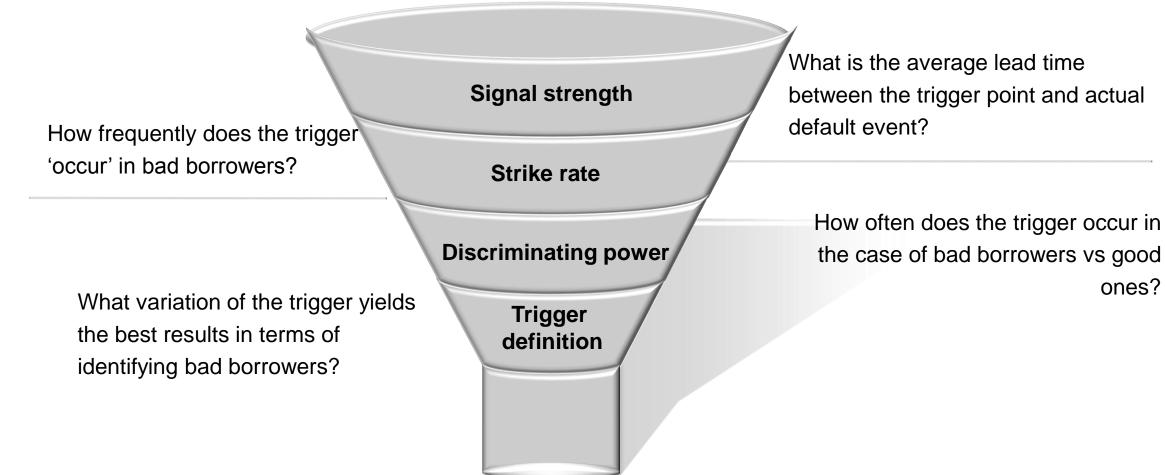


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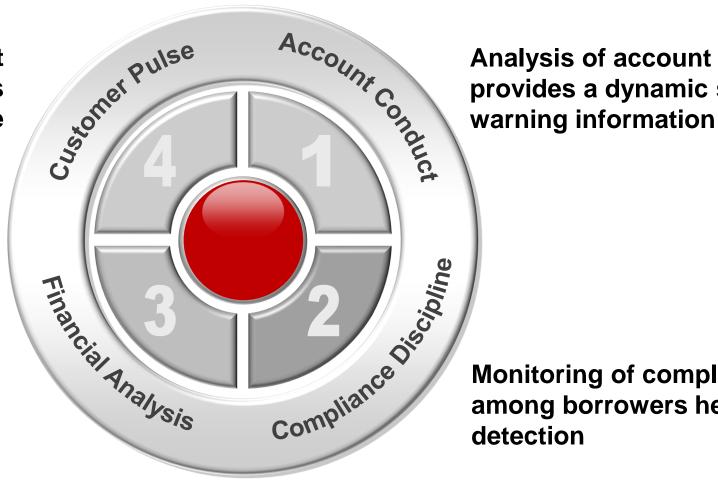
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Getting Started – Setting up a trigger library Traditional Trigger Dimensions

On-the-ground signals the most effective indicators of potential stress though difficult to automate

Financial analysis provides a reality check through benchmarking against peers/estimates



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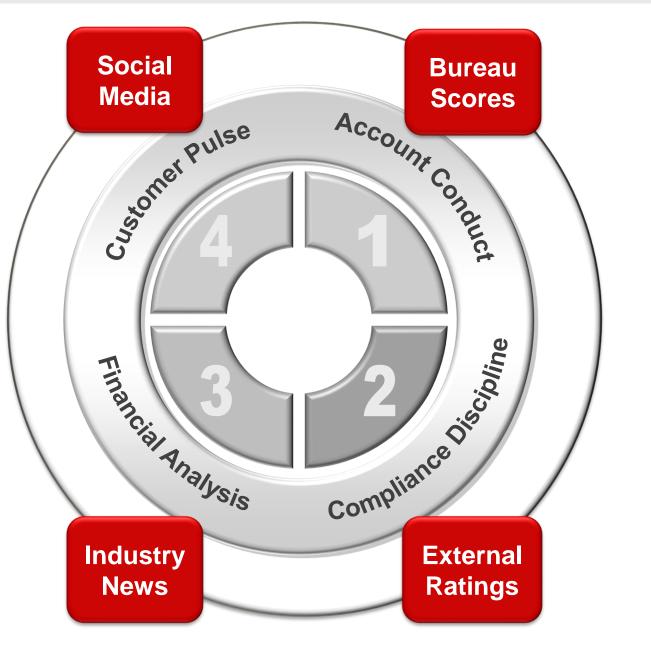
Analysis of account conduct behaviour provides a dynamic source of early

Monitoring of compliance discipline among borrowers helps enhance risk



Getting Started – Setting up a trigger library

Identifying a library of powerful early warning signals is the most critical component of the overall EW process

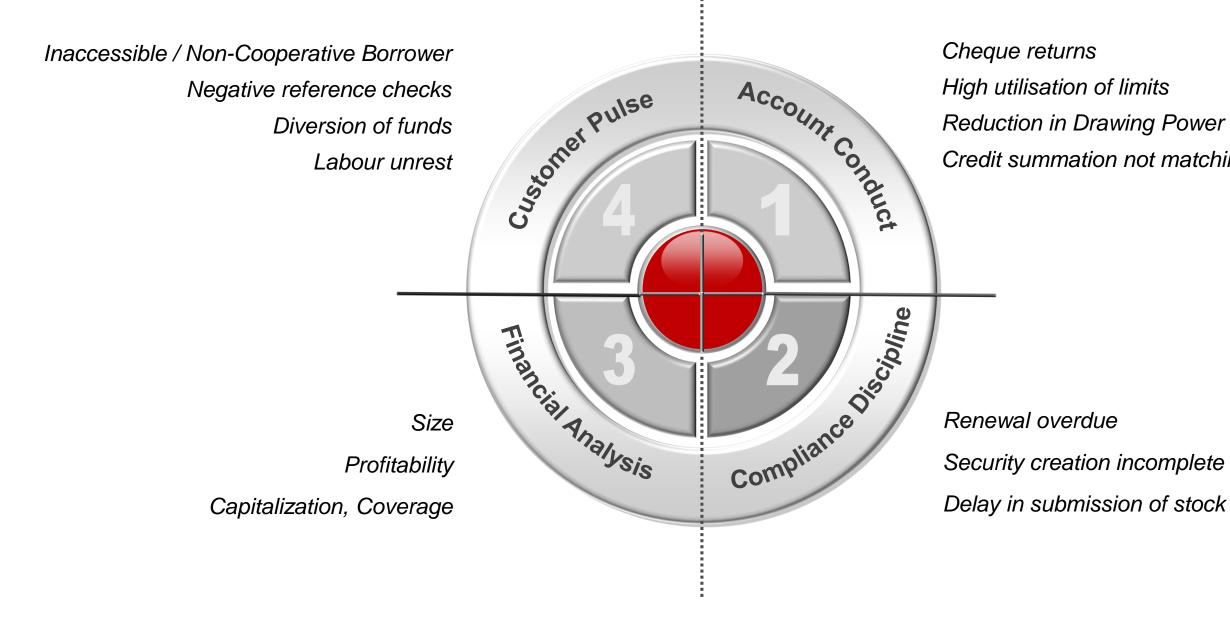




A multidimensional trigger library ensures holistic risk assessment of borrowers



Traditional Trigger Dimensions



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Credit summation not matching reported sales

Delay in submission of stock /regulatory statements

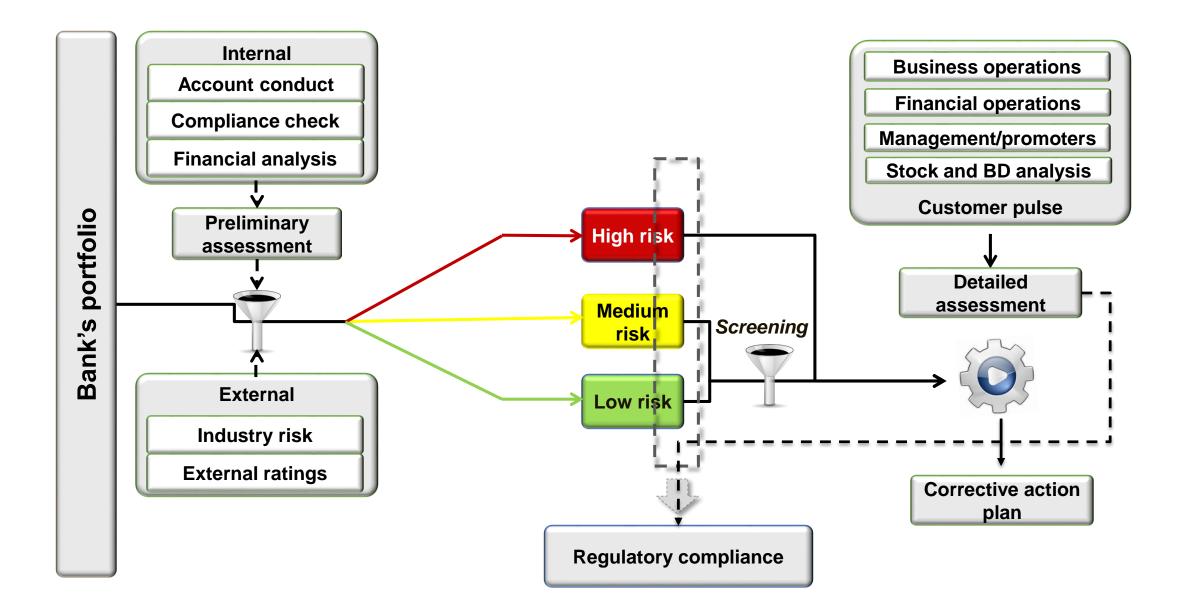


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A holistic risk assessment of the borrower leverages multiple data sources – both internal and external



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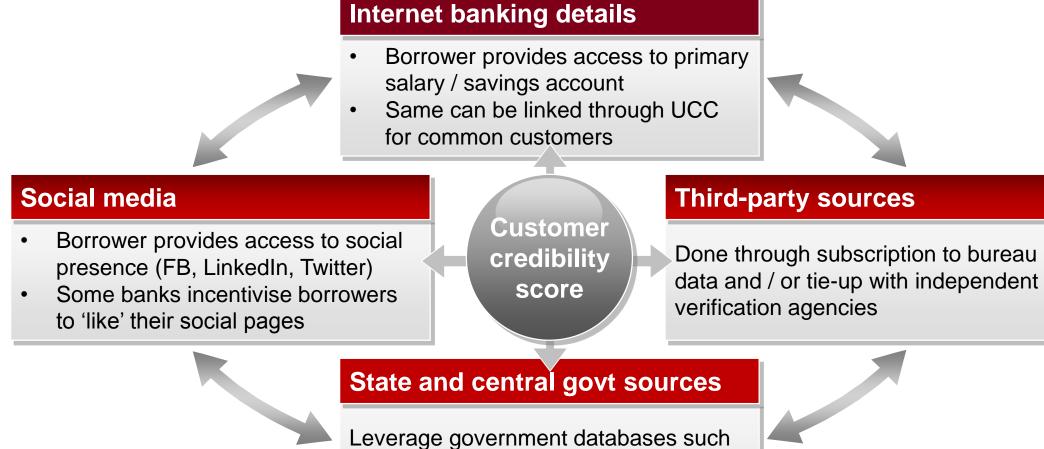
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Alternative data sources can provide insights on customer credibility



as PAN and Aadhaar details to crossverify information provided by borrower



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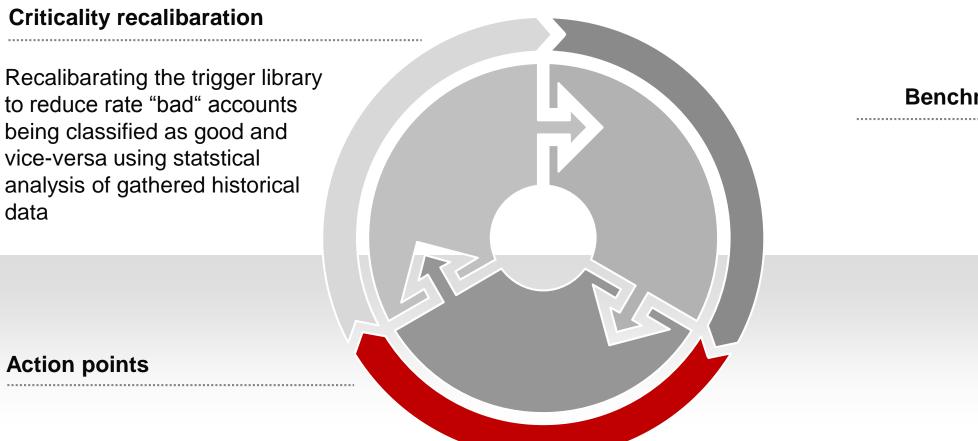
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Trigger attributes: fine-tuning the trigger library

Enhancing a heuristic framework using performance data

Criticality indicates the weight of a trigger in the overall borrower score



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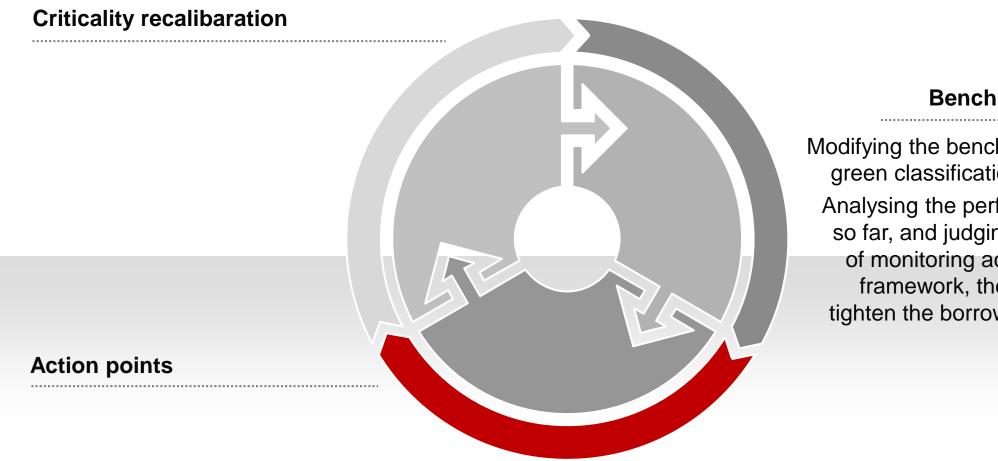
Benchmark recalibaration



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Benchmarks indicate the tolerance zone for each trigger





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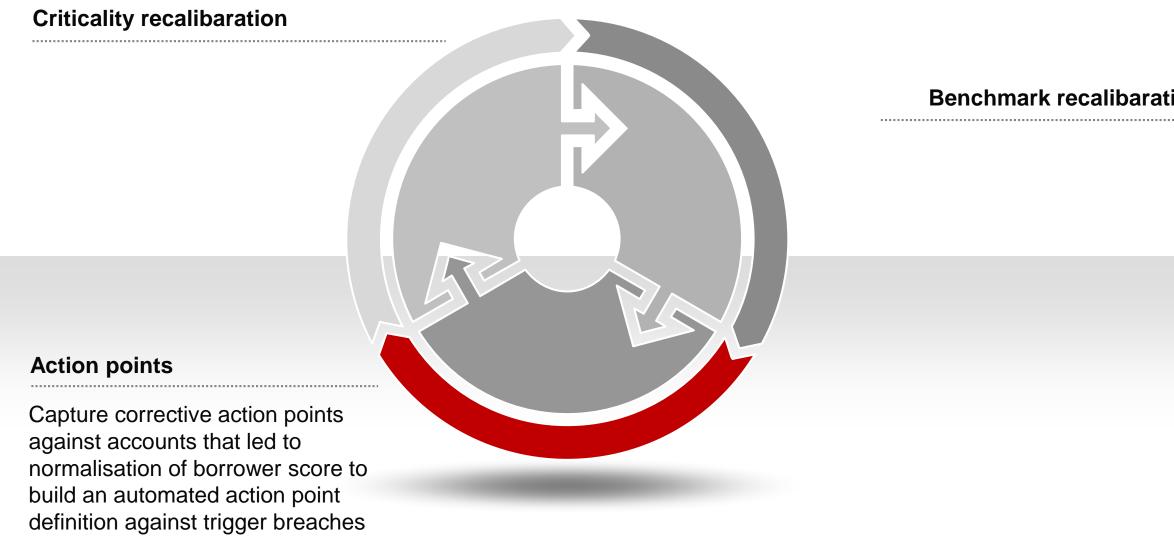
Modifying the benchmarks for red-ambergreen classification at a business level: Analysing the performance of the model so far, and judging the operational cost of monitoring accounts flagged by the framework, the business may relax / tighten the borrower score benchmarks



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Corrective action plans are defined / established against a combination of triggers

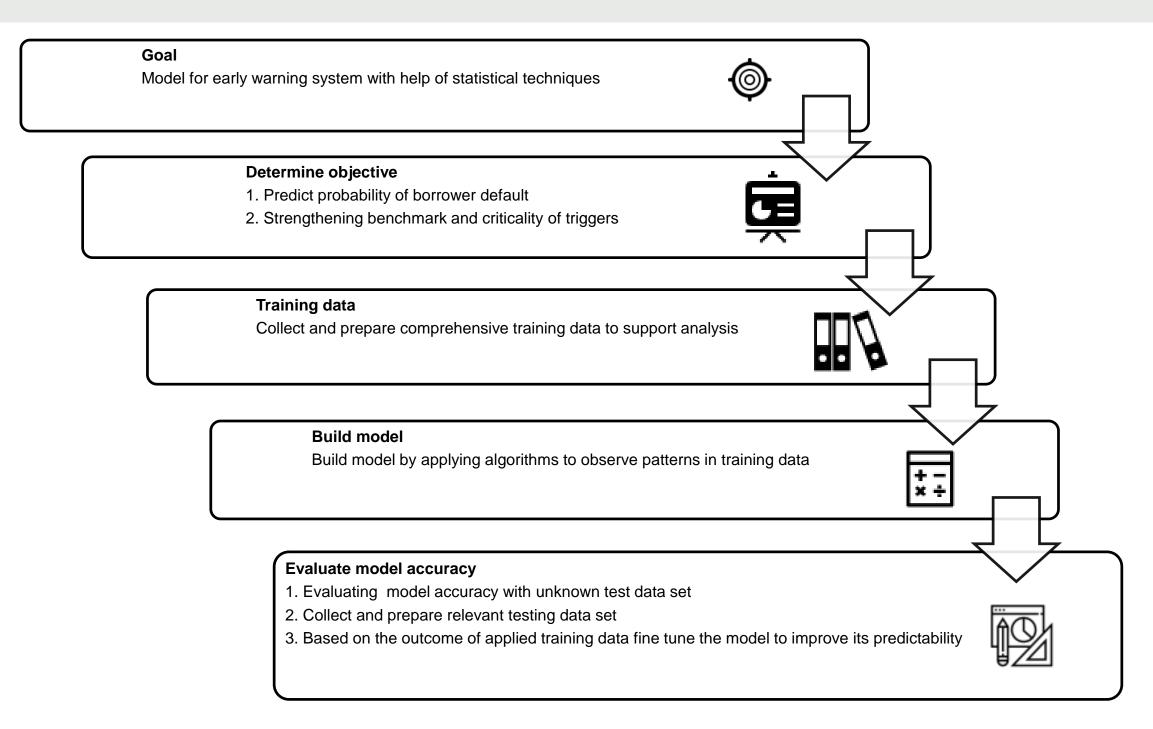


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Statistical recalibration of triggers in early warning systems







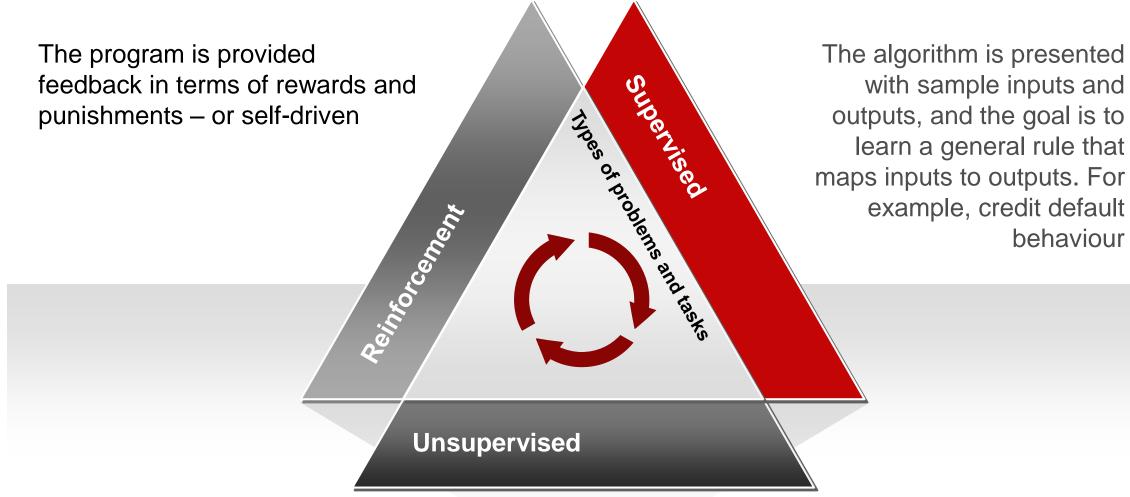
Emerging methods for data analysis

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Increasing use of machine learning algorithms for large-scale data analysis



No labels are given to the learning algorithm, so it has to find structure in the input on its own - that is, discover hidden patterns in data

behaviour





Development of niche, industry-specific models

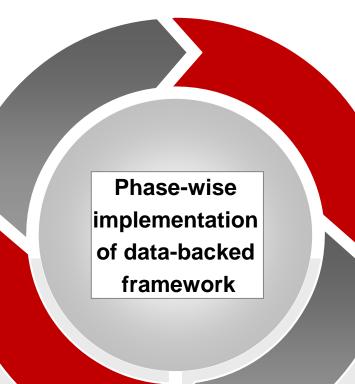
Increased predictive power through narrower focus, new analysis methods

Industry identification

- Identify top 5 industries based on default data availability
- Further shortlist to top 3 industries based on exposure to each industry

Incorporation into system

- Analysis using relevant algorithms, testing on validation set
- Incorporation of model output as an input to the early warning system



Data preparation

- Data collation, treatment and transformation
- Division of data into test and validation sets

Analysis techniques

- Random Forest and decision trees are commonly used alogirthms
- Commonly used platforms are Amazon ML, Azure Studio, MATLAB (proprietary); H2O, R, TensorFlow (open source)

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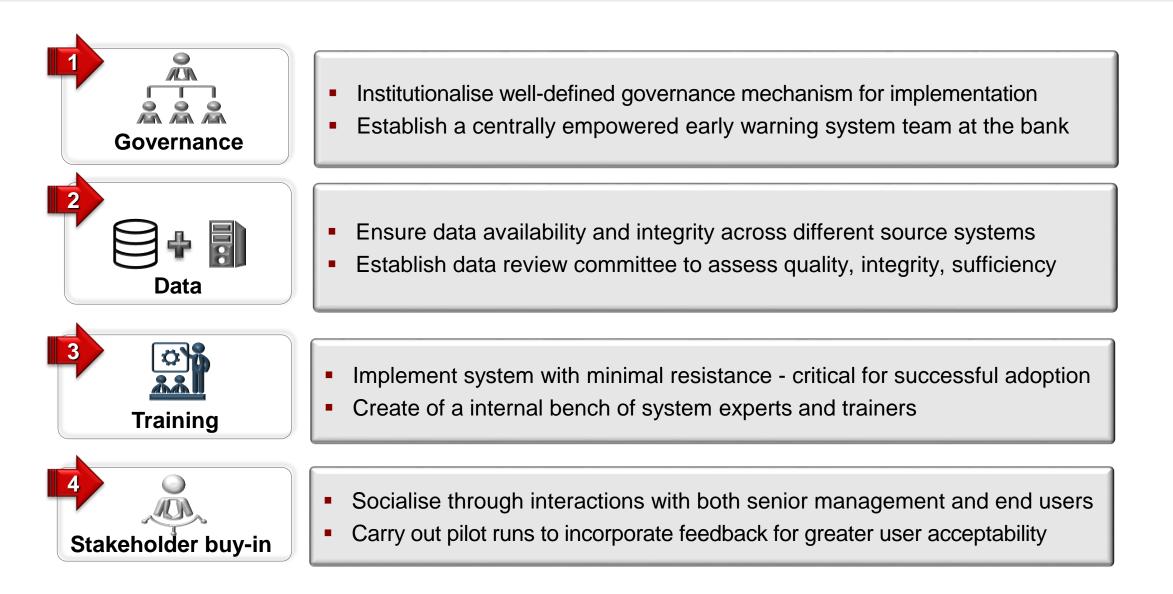


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Critical success factors for effective early warning system implementation



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