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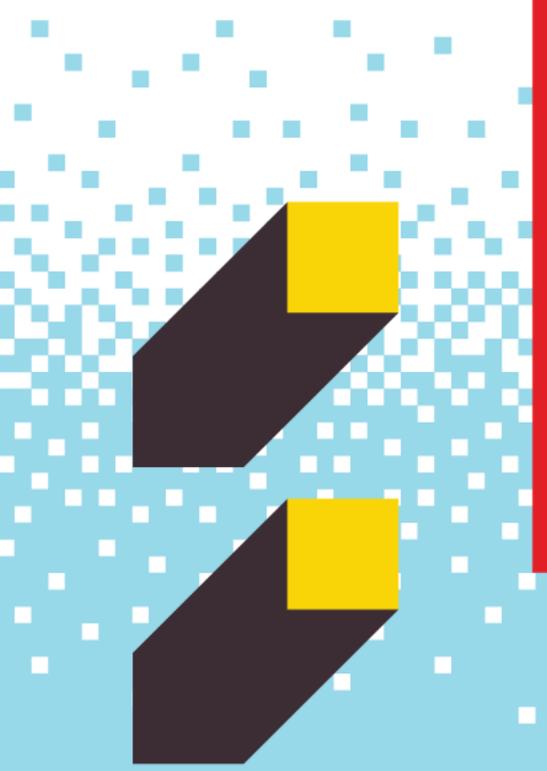
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Agentic AI: Autonomous Operatives Transforming Business

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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Agentic AI: Fostering Responsible and Beneficial Development and Adoption



The paper explores:

- The role of accountability, data governance, and interoperability as enablers of trust in agentic technologies;
- Mitigation measures for new and emerging risks;
- Agentic AI's role in scaling privacy, cybersecurity, and other domains of compliance; and
- The importance of multistakeholder dialogue and regulatory clarity at a time of technological transformation.

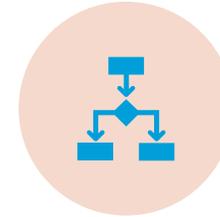
Value Adds from B2B Agentic AI



Efficiency &
Productivity



Adaptability
& Scalability



Decision Quality
& Consistency



Innovation &
Problem-
solving



Resilience &
Continuity

Governance & Compliance Challenges

Purpose &
Proportionality

Control &
Accountability

Integrity &
Reliability

Transparency
&
Explainability

Security &
Reliance

Alignment &
Human Agency

Mitigating Risks through Accountability and Governance



1. Responsible innovation starts from the top
2. A shared taxonomy of concepts for agentic AI is necessary
3. Adapting existing governance can support rapid implementation of appropriate policies and procedures for agentic AI
4. A “crawl, walk, run” approach to agentic AI adoption can encourage early wins and reduce roadblocks for expansion
5. Effective implementation of agentic AI governance requires sufficient training and upskilling of the workforce
6. Accountable governance of AI, including agentic AI, continues to be a smart business investment for long-term sustainable and competitive business

Recommendations for Regulators & Policymakers

1. A risk-based, context-specific approach to agentic AI can foster innovation while ensuring proper mitigation of risks
2. Regulators and organizations can work together to ensure compliance and accountability
3. Interoperable standards for key concerns for agentic AI can encourage responsible agentic AI innovation for all businesses
4. Regulatory sandboxes can enable agentic AI experimentation
5. Support for research and open assets can help increase access to agentic AI for a wider range of organizations and users
6. Regulators will play a critical role in fostering open multistakeholder dialogue

Agentic AI and Data Protection Principles

Data Protection Requirements	Tensions To Resolve	Agentic AI
Legal basis for processing		Downstream processing of data may not be foreseeable & insufficient/limited variety of available legal bases
Consent		Autonomous, adaptable behavior may require unpredictable downstream data processing
Data minimisation		Requires broad, dynamic access to vast amounts of data to perform complex tasks
Purpose specification and limitation		Uses data for new and unforeseen purposes beyond original scope
Transparency		Non-linear, adaptive decision-making may lead to unexplainable, unanticipated outcomes
Retention limitation		Agents need to store and reuse data to improve performance over time
Individual rights		Difficult to facilitate access, correction, deletion or explanation of the logic involved
Rules on automated decision-making		ADM is inherent to agentic AI, but may need to be restricted to non-legal or non-significant decisions
Cross border data transfer restrictions		Needs to use diverse, geographically disperse data or may require task executions across borders

Reflections on ICO Tech Futures: Agentic AI

Key Takeaways:

- Defining & differentiating agentic AI – i.e., perception, planning/reasoning, action, learning/memory
- Current & future applications of agentic AI – workplace, govt, cyber & privacy, commerce
- Key tensions with data protection
- The need for benchmarking, engagement & collaboration

	Low Capability	High Capability
Low Adoption	<p>Scarce, simple agents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to low-risk applications • Suspicion of accuracy & reliability • Little public exposure & awareness of agents 	<p>Agents in waiting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promising pilots • Seen as “too risky” for widespread rollout • Customized deployment for specific uses & users
High Adoption	<p>Just good enough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widespread enterprise use • Inappropriate/ill-advised use cases → privacy compliance issues • Low awareness of flaws & limitations 	<p>Ubiquitous agents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective agents integrated into all parts of society & economy • Regular access & processing of personal information

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