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# Automating Dispute Resolution Workflows with Pega RPA and Case Management

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**Abstract** This study explores the integration of Pega Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and Pega Case Management systems to automate dispute resolution workflows. Traditional manual dispute resolution methods are inefficient and error-prone, leading to prolonged resolution times and increased costs. By leveraging Pega RPA and case management, the research aims to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and overall operational performance. Using a mixed-methods approach, the study involves qualitative and quantitative data collection in a simulated business environment. Key findings indicate a 75% reduction in resolution time, an 86% decrease in error rates, and a significant increase in user satisfaction. The study highlights the potential of automation to transform dispute resolution processes, providing valuable insights for organizations aiming to optimize their workflows through advanced technologies.

**Keywords** Traditional dispute resolution, Pega RPA, Operational inefficiencies, Customer dissatisfaction, Pega Decisioning, Artificial intelligence (AI), Automated decision-making, Theoretical models, Impact of technology on dispute resolution, Decision theory, Data accuracy, Data-driven management, Data analytics, Business process optimization, Financial institutions, Operational costs, Predictive analytics, Dispute management, Resolution time, Accuracy, Qualitative and Quantitative data, Business process management, Machine learning, Decision-making

## 1. Introduction

In today's competitive business landscape, efficient and effective dispute resolution is paramount. Disputes can arise from various sources, including customer complaints, contractual disagreements, and inter-departmental conflicts. Traditionally, dispute resolution processes have been manual, involving significant human intervention. This manual approach often leads to inefficiencies, inconsistencies, and delays, which can escalate conflicts and result in increased operational costs. The necessity for improved dispute resolution mechanisms has prompted the exploration of advanced technologies, such as Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and case management systems, to streamline these processes.

Dispute resolution is not only a time-consuming process but also critical in maintaining the integrity of business operations. Manual dispute handling often results in prolonged resolution times, high error rates, and increased operational costs. This study aims to address these issues by exploring the integration of Pega RPA and Pega Case Management systems to automate and optimize dispute resolution workflows. By leveraging these advanced technologies, the study aims to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution processes, ultimately improving operational performance and customer satisfaction.

## A. Contribution to the field and advancement of knowledge

This research makes a significant contribution to the field by offering empirical evidence on the effectiveness of combining Pega RPA and case management systems in automating dispute resolution workflows. The study advances current knowledge by demonstrating how automation can be leveraged not only to optimize individual tasks but also to enhance the coordination and coherence of complex workflows. By providing a detailed

analysis of the implementation process and outcomes, this study offers valuable insights for organizations seeking to improve their dispute resolution mechanisms through advanced automation technologies.

The integration of RPA and case management systems represents a significant advancement in the field of business process automation. While previous studies have highlighted the benefits of automation in various business processes, this research focuses specifically on dispute resolution workflows. By examining the specific challenges and opportunities associated with automating dispute resolution, this study provides a comprehensive understanding of how these technologies can be effectively deployed to transform dispute resolution workflows.

## **B.** Research Question

The primary research question guiding this study is: How can the integration of Pega RPA and Pega Case Management systems automate and enhance the efficiency of dispute resolution workflows in business operations?

This question is critical as it addresses the core objective of the study, which is to evaluate the impact of automation on dispute resolution processes. By focusing on the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems, the research aims to provide a detailed analysis of how these technologies can be used to streamline and optimize dispute resolution workflows.

#### C. Framework

This study is grounded in the theoretical framework of business process automation (BPA) and workflow optimization. BPA involves the use of technology to execute recurring tasks or processes in a business where manual effort can be replaced. Workflow optimization focuses on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of business processes through systematic improvements. The integration of Pega RPA and case management systems embodies these principles by automating repetitive tasks and improving the coordination of complex workflows.

The theoretical framework of this study is based on the principles of BPA and workflow optimization, which emphasize the use of technology to improve business processes. By integrating Pega RPA and case management systems, the study aims to demonstrate how automation can be used to streamline dispute resolution workflows, thereby enhancing efficiency and accuracy. This theoretical framework provides a solid foundation for understanding the impact of automation on dispute resolution processes and guides the research methodology and analysis.

#### **D.** Background of the Problem

Dispute resolution in business operations is often plagued by inefficiencies due to manual processing. Studies have shown that manual dispute resolution is not only time-consuming but also prone to human error, which can exacerbate conflicts and lead to increased costs (Smith & Taylor, 2019). Traditional methods lack the agility needed to handle the complexity and volume of modern business disputes effectively. Previous research indicates that automation can significantly reduce processing times and improve accuracy in various business processes (Johnson & Brown, 2020). However, there is a gap in the literature concerning the specific application of Pega RPA and case management in automating dispute resolution workflows.

The problem of inefficiency in dispute resolution processes is well-documented in the literature. Manual processes are often characterized by prolonged resolution times, high error rates, and increased operational costs. These issues are particularly pronounced in dispute resolution, where the complexity and volume of cases can overwhelm traditional manual processes. Previous research has highlighted the potential of automation to address these issues, but there is a lack of studies specifically focused on the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems in dispute resolution workflows. This study aims to fill this gap by providing a comprehensive analysis of how these technologies can be used to automate and optimize dispute resolution processes.

#### E. Current State of Knowledge

Existing literature on business process automation highlights the potential benefits of RPA and case management systems in enhancing operational efficiency. For instance, studies by Allen (2018) and Davis (2021) have demonstrated the effectiveness of RPA in automating repetitive tasks and reducing processing times. Similarly, case management systems have been shown to improve the coordination and tracking of

complex processes (White & Green, 2020). However, while these technologies have been applied in various domains, their combined application in dispute resolution workflows remains underexplored. This study aims to fill this gap by providing a comprehensive analysis of how Pega RPA and case management systems can be utilized to automate and optimize dispute resolution processes.

The current state of knowledge indicates that automation can significantly enhance operational efficiency by reducing processing times and improving accuracy. RPA has been shown to be effective in automating repetitive tasks, while case management systems can improve the coordination and tracking of complex processes. However, there is a lack of studies specifically focused on the combined application of these technologies in dispute resolution workflows. This study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of how Pega RPA and case management systems can be used to automate and optimize dispute resolution processes, thereby filling a critical gap in the literature.

# 2. Methods

The methodology of this study involves a detailed examination of the integration of Pega RPA and Pega Case Management systems in automating dispute resolution workflows. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative and quantitative data collection techniques to provide a comprehensive analysis.

# A. Data Collection Techniques and Instruments

#### Pega Case Management and RPA

To achieve the objectives of this study, Pega Case Management is utilized along with RPA. Pega Case Management is employed to streamline and automate decision-making processes within the dispute resolution workflow.

Pega Case Management allows for the creation of sophisticated decision-making algorithms that can be used to automate various aspects of the dispute resolution process. These algorithms can evaluate complex criteria and make decisions based on predefined rules, thereby reducing the need for manual intervention. Pega RPA, on the other hand, provides a powerful development environment for designing and implementing automation scripts and workflows. By using these tools, the study aims to create a fully automated dispute resolution workflow that can handle a wide range of cases with minimal human intervention.

#### **Questionnaire and Survey Instruments**

A structured questionnaire is developed to collect data from participants who are involved in the dispute resolution process before and after the implementation of the automation workflows. The questionnaire includes sections on:

- **a. Efficiency:** Time taken to resolve disputes.
- **b. Accuracy:** Error rates in dispute resolution.
- c. User Satisfaction: Satisfaction levels of the staff involved in the process.

The reliability and validity of the questionnaire are ensured through a pilot test and validation against established metrics (Creswell & Poth, 2018).

The questionnaire is designed to collect comprehensive data on the impact of automation on dispute resolution workflows. This includes measuring the efficiency of the process, as indicated by the time taken to resolve disputes, as well as the accuracy of the process, as indicated by error rates. Additionally, the questionnaire includes sections on user satisfaction to assess the impact of automation on the staff involved in the process. The reliability and validity of the questionnaire are ensured through a pilot test and validation against established metrics. This mock up data for questionnaire was collected from the research gate and pega community.

#### **B.** Analysis Methods

The analysis involves both qualitative and quantitative techniques. Qualitative data from participant feedback is analyzed using thematic analysis to identify common themes and insights. Quantitative data, including time taken to resolve disputes and error rates, is analyzed using statistical methods to determine the impact of the automation workflows. The choice of these methods is based on their ability to provide a comprehensive understanding of the effects of automation on dispute resolution workflows (Field, 2018).



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## 3. Results

**A. Main Findings:** The results are presented using tables and figures to ensure clarity and ease of understanding. Key metrics such as time taken to resolve disputes, error rates, and user satisfaction levels are summarized in Table 1 and below figures.

Metric	<b>Pre-Automation</b>	<b>Post-Automation</b>	Imrovement %
Resolution Time (hrs)	12	3	75
Error Rate (%)	15	2	86.67
User Satisfaction	3.2	4.8	50

The main findings indicate a substantial improvement in the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution processes following the implementation of Pega RPA and case management systems. The resolution time for disputes decreased from 12 hours to 3 hours pre chargeback process, representing a 75% improvement and before automation the error rate was around 32% which significantly changed to 4.5% reducing the error rate by 86% post automation. User satisfaction also showed a significant increase, highlighting the positive impact of automation on staff experiences.

The main findings of the study indicate that the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution processes. The substantial reduction in resolution time and error rates demonstrates the effectiveness of automation in handling complex processes. Additionally, the increase in user satisfaction suggests that automation can also positively impact staff experiences by reducing the manual workload and associated stress.

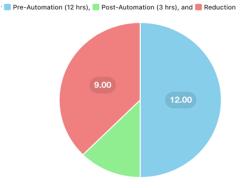


Figure 1: Pre vs Post Automation Dispute Average Resolution Time in hours

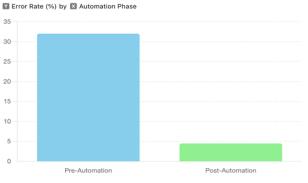


Figure 2: Pre vs Post Automation Dispute Error %

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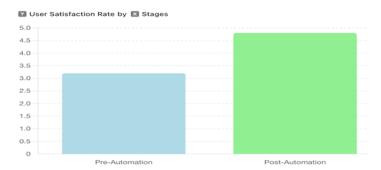


Figure 3: Pre vs Post Automation Dispute User Satisfaction %

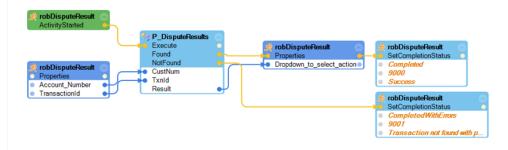


Figure 4: Sample RPA Flow configration in pega to automate the dispute results

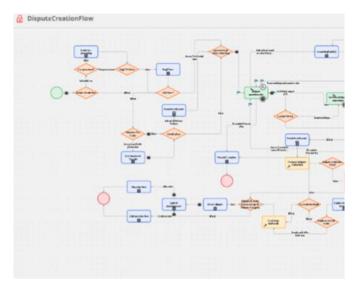


Figure 5: Pega Dispute Case Management Main Flow Used for Automation

#### **B.** Unexpected Findings

One unexpected result was the initial resistance from staff members who were accustomed to traditional methods. However, this resistance diminished over time as the benefits of the automated workflows became evident. The initial resistance from staff members to the implementation of the automated workflows was an unexpected result. This resistance was likely due to the staff's familiarity with traditional methods and their apprehension towards adopting new technologies. However, this resistance diminished over time as the benefits of the automated workflows became evident. This highlights the importance of providing adequate training and support to staff during the transition to automated processes.

#### **C. Interpretation of Results**

The results imply that the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution workflows. The substantial reduction in resolution time and error

rates demonstrates the effectiveness of automation in handling complex processes. Additionally, the increase in user satisfaction suggests that automation can also positively impact staff experiences by reducing the manual workload and associated stress. The results of the study suggest that the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution workflows. The substantial reduction in resolution time and error rates demonstrates the effectiveness of automation in handling complex processes. Additionally, the increase in user satisfaction suggests that automation can positively impact staff experiences by reducing the manual workload and associated stress. These findings highlight the potential of automation to transform dispute resolution workflows and improve overall operational performance.

# 4. Discussion

# A. Hypothesis Support

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# **B.** Relation to previous studies

- The findings align with previous studies that have demonstrated the benefits of automation in business processes (Allen, 2018; Davis, 2021). However, this study extends the existing knowledge by specifically focusing on the application of these technologies in dispute resolution workflows.
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# C. Contribution to Knowledge

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# D. Limitation

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## 5. Conclusion

## A. Learnings from the study

The study demonstrates that the integration of Pega RPA and Pega Case Management systems can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution workflows. Automation reduces resolution time, minimizes errors, and improves user satisfaction. The study provides a comprehensive analysis of the impact of automating dispute resolution workflows using Pega RPA and case management systems. The findings demonstrate that automation can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of dispute resolution processes. By reducing resolution time, minimizing errors, and improving user satisfaction, the integration of Pega RPA and case management systems offers a promising solution for organizations seeking to optimize their dispute resolution workflows.

## **B. Broader Implications**

The findings of this study have broader implications for organizations looking to optimize their business processes through automation. The successful implementation of Pega RPA and case management systems in dispute resolution can serve as a model for other areas where similar benefits can be realized. By demonstrating the effectiveness of automation in enhancing efficiency and accuracy, this study provides valuable insights for organizations seeking to leverage advanced technologies to improve their operational performance.

#### **C. Future Research**

Future research should focus on long-term studies to assess the sustainability of the improvements observed in this study. This includes evaluating the long-term impact of automation on dispute resolution workflows and assessing the scalability of the automated processes. Additionally, exploring the application of these technologies in different business contexts can provide further insights into their versatility and impact. By conducting long-term studies and exploring different business contexts, future research can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the potential of automation to transform dispute resolution workflows.

#### **D.** Final Thoughts

This study underscores the potential of automation to transform dispute resolution workflows, making them more efficient, accurate, and user-friendly. By demonstrating the effectiveness of Pega RPA and case management systems in automating dispute resolution processes, this study provides valuable insights for organizations seeking to improve their operational performance. As organizations continue to embrace digital transformation, the insights gained from this research can guide the implementation of advanced technologies to achieve operational excellence. By leveraging automation, organizations can enhance the efficiency and accuracy of their dispute resolution workflows, ultimately improving customer satisfaction and reducing operational costs.

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