



It takes more than just technology

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Financial close processes are notoriously difficult to manage given their broad scope, interconnectedness, and reliance on globally distributed resources. Challenging the status quo and adopting a continuous improvement mindset are key first steps to addressing business needs and creating a modern accounting organization.

Ask yourself

- Do you have a culture of continuous improvement?
- Are you making the most of the technology ecosystem you have?
- Do you know where processes overlap and/or leverage the same people and data?
- Do your teams point to technology as an enabler to their processes?
- Are your people engaged and empowered to share feedback and ideas? Do they have a mechanism to do so?

Depending on your answers, it might be time to re-evaluate your strategy and processes. That's where we come in. Clearsulting has delivered hundreds of financial close process improvement projects and BlackLine implementations that address features and functions, as well as a holistic approach to technology implementation. We bring the best and brightest minds in this space together to push the limits of innovation.

Gain an advantage

With a track record of 300+ successful go-lives across BlackLine modules at more than 100 global organizations, we know the best ways to drive value—as efficiently as possible. Here are a few leading practices to consider.

- Establish governance to monitor and champion BlackLine, drive continuous improvement, and support user adoption
- Establish strong executive sponsorship to break logjams and make decisions quickly
- Maximize automation capability across the full suite of modules
- Avoid over-tailoring and manage exceptions
- Regularly challenge processes and revisit policies

We'll help you bring these practices and more to life at your organization.

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Our BlackLine-focused offerings

Record-to-report strategy

We review your current state operations, identify pain points, find where technology can streamline processes, design a roadmap, and develop an approach to achieve your target state while respecting and enhancing your governance and controls.

Technology readiness

We review your data and technology landscape, evaluate needed process changes, and set a deployment roadmap aligned with your objectives. The goal is providing you with the best time-to-value and scalability.

Modular implementation

Whether it's gaining visibility with Reconciliations and Tasks, tackling more iterative use cases in Transaction Matching and Journals, or embracing broader initiatives like Intercompany Solutioning, we help achieve your ideal state while promoting user adoption, stabilization, governance, and controls.

Optimization

We advise on your technology ecosystem and streamline surrounding processes to establish a mindset of continuous improvement and drive continued value realization.

Administrative support

We supplement your team by providing BlackLine administration support. We document processes, set knowledge transfer strategies, educate your team on the technology, and promote long-term BlackLine ownership and sustainability.

Data visualization and reporting

We harness data across your technology stack to leverage and define insights that guide your business strategy and future vision. Visualizations make it easy to consume findings and target areas to take action.

Why work with us?

Achieving sustainable change requires understanding the people and process implications, controls, and greater technology landscape. As an award-winning platinum BlackLine partner, we bring:

- Deep technical specialization in BlackLine
- Financial close process knowledge, toolkits, and accelerators to integrate BlackLine in the right way for your team
- Strong project delivery capabilities to execute high-quality implementations
- A scalable, user-focused approach
- Relationships across BlackLine
- Data and mindshare at every step of the process to keep your organization looking forward
- Agility, flexibility, collaboration, and speed

Creating positive change through digital finance

Clearsulting's innovative problem solving and proven technology workflows help finance leaders embrace digital to become better business partners. Acting as a link across your business, we connect your vision with the processes, technology, and systems that yield success. We offer digital reporting, enterprise performance management, finance effectiveness, financial close, risk advisory, and treasury services that take a digital-minded approach to push your business further.

Get started

When you're ready to adopt the right mix of process and policy change as part of your BlackLine implementation, let's talk.

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