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Introduction

Audits play a crucial role in evaluating and ensuring the effectiveness of internal control systems. They help organizations verify that their operations align with established goals and objectives by assessing performance and productivity through business records and transactions. Additionally, audits minimize risks, detect fraud, and provide investors and stakeholders with reliable insights into an organization's financial health and management efficiency.

The foundation of audits lies in the collection and examination of data. While many companies generate vast amounts of data, converting it into actionable insights remains a challenge. Strong analytical skills are essential for interpreting data accurately, forming fact-based conclusions, and guiding organizations toward sound decision-making in complex scenarios. These skills also help establish a robust audit trail and mitigate potential risks.

This training course on Analytical and Auditing Skills is designed to empower participants with the ability to uncover critical insights from data under time constraints and adhere to consistent standards for high-quality analytical work.

Training Objectives

- Gain insight into how data analysis enhances decision-making processes.
- Master techniques for cleansing and organizing data sets.
- Learn to select and apply the most suitable analytical methods for various scenarios.
- Develop the skills needed to conduct thorough and effective audits.
- Create clear and concise reports, utilizing graphs and charts to present findings effectively.



Course Outlines

Day 1: Analytical Skills

- Steps in the Analytical Process
- Organizing and Collecting Data
- Evaluating Data and Addressing Information Gaps
- Communication
- Creativity
- Critical Thinking
- Research
- Qualitative Analysis

Day 2: Quantitative Analysis

- Continuous Variables
- Charts and Graphs
- Mean
- Standard Deviation
- Normal Distribution
- Discrete Variables
- Patterns and Seasonality
- Correlation vs. Causation

Day 3: Data integrity

- Data Cleansing duplicates
- Data Cleansing outliers
- Common vs. Special Causes
- Control Chart
- Pareto Analysis
- Indices



Day 4: Auditing Skills

- The Responsibilities of an Auditor
- Attributes of Effective Auditors
- Planning & Preparation
- Developing Audit Documentation
- Conducting an Audit
- Effective Questioning
- Collection and Analysis of Objective Evidence
- Maintaining Independence

Day 5: Reporting

- Identifying Improvement Opportunities
- Developing and Documenting Audit Findings
- Discussing and Preparing Audit Conclusions
- Using Graphs and Charts as Appropriate
- Presenting Findings and Conclusions
- Follow-up



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