

# THE AUTOMATION EQUATION:

Maximizing Efficiency and Agility in Federal Agencies

MeriTalk, in partnership with Red Hat, explored how Federal agencies are turning to automation to reduce redundancy, increase efficiency, and fortify security systems.

## Increased Focus, Positive Impact

**78%**

of Federal IT managers said the COVID-19 pandemic **increased their focus** on process automation<sup>1</sup>



**83%**

of government executives report process automation like agile and DevOps is **positively impacting** their organization<sup>2</sup>

## Calculating the Opportunity



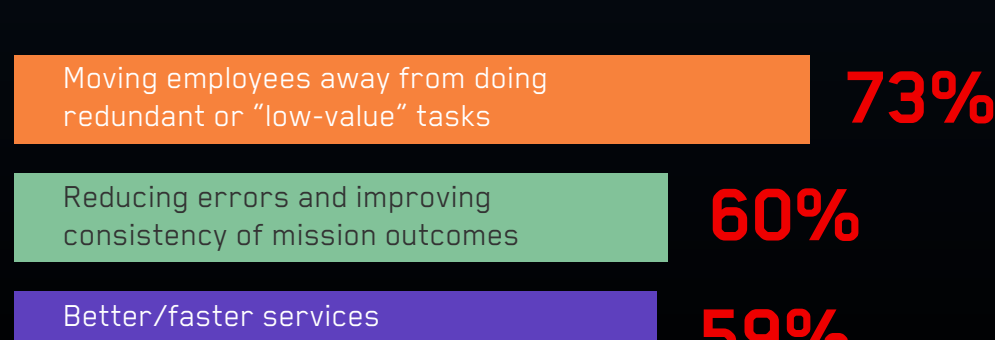
Automation has the potential to save Feds up to **1.3 billion** hours<sup>3</sup>

Where could your agency benefit most from intelligent automation tools?<sup>4</sup>

- 1 Mission-related systems
- 2 Cybersecurity systems
- 3 Financial systems



### Greatest benefits:<sup>4</sup>



## Security Spotlight



**77%**

of global security professionals are planning to **increase automation** to simplify and speed up response times in their security ecosystems<sup>5</sup>

The recent Cybersecurity Executive Order calls agencies to expand automation with zero trust, which **"embeds comprehensive security monitoring, granular risk-based access controls; and system security automation in a coordinated manner"**<sup>6</sup>

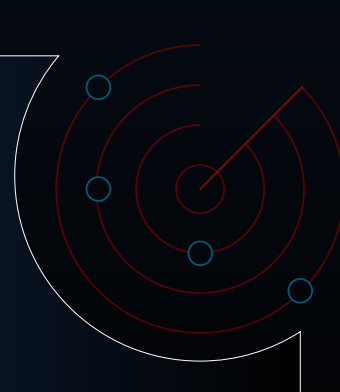


The FBI and CISA also suggest organizations **engage in preemptive threat hunting** on their networks.



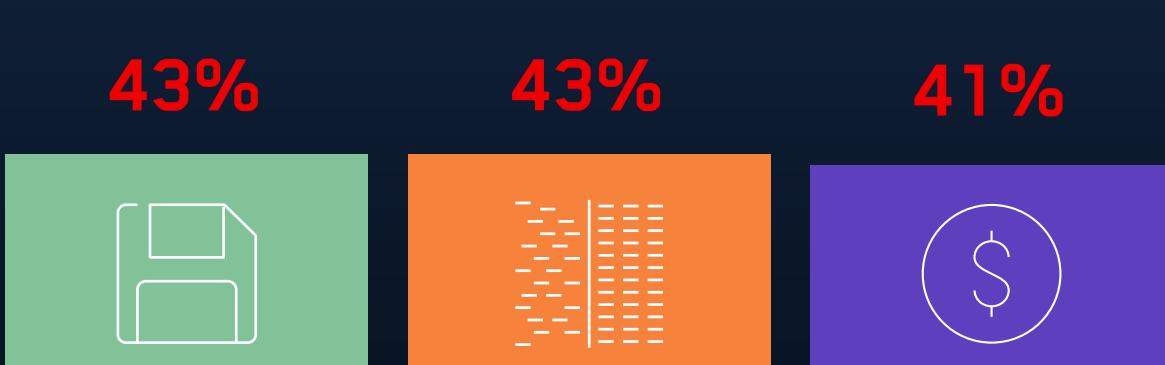
**Threat hunting involves developing a baseline through a behavior-based analytics approach, evaluating data logs, and installing automated alerting systems."**

- Joint statement from the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency<sup>7</sup>



## Remaining Variables

Biggest challenges to using intelligent automation:<sup>4</sup>



### Edge computing

**85%**

of Federal IT decision makers say the government needs to do more **to embrace AI technologies** at the edge<sup>8</sup>



## The Power of Platform Solutions

Automation platforms support Federal digital transformation efforts with:

- Efficient application processes
- Streamlined management
- Easier collaboration
- Security-focused access and policy control<sup>9</sup>

To learn how Red Hat Ansible Automation Platform helps agencies deliver high-performance, automated environments, visit:

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<sup>1</sup> Serve People, Not Paper: Digitizing the Federal government  
<sup>2</sup> Seven Pillars for Government's Digital Transformation  
<sup>3</sup> Government Trends 2020  
<sup>4</sup> Executive Survey Series: Intelligent Automation  
<sup>5</sup> Cisco 2020 CISO Benchmark Report  
<sup>6</sup> Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity  
<sup>7</sup> Ransomware Awareness for Holidays and Weekends  
<sup>8</sup> From Pilots to Proficiency: Operationalizing Federal AI  
<sup>9</sup> Five Benefits of IT Automation for the Public Sector