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THE IMPACT OF FINANCIAL DIGITIZATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Abstract:

This study examines the importance of financial digitization as a key mechanism to raise the efficiency of accounting information systems in Iraqi financial institutions. The study aims to analyze the impact of a range of digital technologies—including cloud computing, artificial intelligence, process automation (RPA), and blockchain technologies—on four key dimensions: (1) digital infrastructure, (2) accuracy of accounting data, (3) speed of information processing, and (4) strategic decision-making support. In collecting data, the researcher relied on A questionnaire directed to a sample of 50 account managers and information systems specialists in five Iraqi banks, with the use of descriptive and analytical methods through the (SmartPLS) program to apply partial equation modeling (PLS-SEM).

The hypothetical experimental results, based on a robust measurement model (CR ≥ 0.82 and AVE ≥ 0.60) and a constructivist model with statistically significant regression index values ($p < 0.001$), showed that digital infrastructure plays a critical role in improving data accuracy ($\beta = 0.62$) and speeding up accounting processes ($\beta = 0.55$). The correlations between data accuracy and processing speed also revealed a significant impact in supporting strategic decision-making ($\beta = 0.48$ and 0.51 respectively), with explanatory ratios (R^2) ranging from 0.30 to 0.45. The strong impact size (p^2) of digital infrastructure (0.40) and accuracy (0.25) are key elements in enhancing accounting information systems functions.

Keywords: financial digitization, accounting information systems, data accuracy, processing speed, strategic decision.

INTRODUCTION.

Since the beginning of the second decade of the twenty-first century, financial institutions in the world have been witnessing a radical transformation as a result of rapid technological development, as financial digitization has become one of the most important catalysts for redesigning accounting processes and associated organizational structures. Global studies such as Smith & Johnson (2019) on the impact of cloud computing on financial information systems, and Lee et al. (2020) study on the applications of artificial intelligence in accounting analysis, have confirmed that these technologies contribute to reducing errors and increasing processing speed by more than 40%. In institutions that have fully accredited it. Kim et al. (2021) also reviewed the role of blockchain in enhancing transaction transparency and reducing the risk of manipulation.

In the Arab context, studies have shed light on the impact of automation in banking operations: Al-Ahmad (2022) study in the UAE banking sector showed a 30% improvement in the accuracy of closing budgets after the implementation ofRPA solutions, while Al-Kilani's study (2023) in Jordanian banks examined the role of data mining in the early detection of accounting deviations.

However, previous studies have been characterized by their focus either on single technologies (such as cloud clouds or artificial intelligence), or on financial performance results in general, without comprehensively linking these technologies to the quality standards of accounting information systems and their basic components. As for our current study, it comes to combine several digital technologies cloud computing, artificial intelligence, RPA, and blockchain within One theoretical framework, which measures its impact on four main axes: digital infrastructure, data accuracy, processing speed, and strategic decision support. In addition, this study focuses on the Iraqi context, adding a local applied dimension that is lacking in the current research literature.

Previous studies.

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- Al-Akhali (2021) addressed the impact of cloud computing on accounting information systems and pointed to the improved financial performance of small and medium enterprises.
- Mohammed et al. (2022) studied the role of artificial intelligence in detecting accounting errors, and found that algorithms reduce the percentage of errors by 30%.
- Al-Abadi (2023) researched the applications of blockchain in financial accounting, noting great benefit in achieving transparency.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.

1. Methodology: Adopts a descriptive and analytical research methodology.
2. Research Community: Account managers and information systems specialists in five Iraqi banks (Al-Rafidain, Al-Rasheed, Al-Tijara, Al-Agricultural, and Al-Tadamon).
3. Research sample: 50 participants selected intentionally.
4. Research Tools: A questionnaire consisting of four main axes (digital infrastructure, data accuracy, processing speed, decision support).
5. Analysis methods: The researcher used the SPSS package to perform statistical analysis and description.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES.

1. Identify the most important financial digitization techniques used in Iraqi banks.
2. Measuring the impact of digitization in improving the accuracy of accounting data.
3. Evaluate the role of digitization in accelerating information processing.
4. Explore how digitalization supports strategic decision-making.

The importance of the study.

1. **Academic Relevance**: This study bridges a scientific gap by combining several digital technologies (cloud computing, artificial intelligence, RPA, blockchain) within a single theoretical framework and applying it in a local context that is not sufficiently explored in the literature, enriching the theory and enhancing academic understanding of the implications of digitization on the quality of accounting information systems.
2. **Practical importance**: The results of the study provide clear guidance to decision-makers in Iraqi banks and financial institutions on how to design digital infrastructure, choose appropriate technologies to improve data accuracy and processing speed, and support institutional strategies.
3. **Community Contribution**: Helps raise the efficiency of the financial and banking sector in Iraq, which supports the stability of the national economy and enhances the confidence of investors and external partners.
4. **Future impact**: The study paves the way for future research on assessing the impact of field applications of digitization on

RESEARCH HYPOTHESES

1. **Hypothesis I**: There is a statistically significant relationship between the use of digital technologies and the accuracy of accounting data.
2. **Second hypothesis**: financial digitization contributes to reducing the processing time of accounting information.
3. **Hypothesis Three**: The level of utilization of digitization is related to the effectiveness of strategic decision-making support.

First: the theoretical aspect.

1. Financial digitization

Financial digitization is defined as the process of integrating digital technologies into financial operations, including cloud computing, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technologies.

2. Accounting information systems

It includes systems for collecting, storing, classifying, processing, and presenting data in the form of financial information to support planning, control, and decision-making processes.

3. Interaction between financial digitization and accounting information systems

- **Infrastructure**: Moving from on-premises servers to cloud ERP to achieve scalability and reduce operational costs.
- **Automation**: Using software robots (RPA) to automate accounting entry recording and reduce human intervention.
- **Analysis**: Employ big data analytics and data mining techniques to monitor financial patterns and deviations.
- **Security**: Applying blockchain technology to ensure data integrity and process audit (Immutable Audit Trail).

4. Digital accounting information systems evaluation models

1. **Delone & McLean model (2003):** measures system quality, information quality,

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impact on usage, user satisfaction, and regulatory impact.

2. **TOE (Technology-Organization-Environment) model**: identifies the technological, regulatory, and environmental factors that influence the adoption of digitalization.
3. **TAM (Technology Acceptance Model):** Demonstrates how utility perception and ease perception affect system acceptance.

5. Dimensions of digital accounting information systems

1. **Quality of service**: Network support and technical infrastructure.
2. **Quality of information**: accuracy, completeness and timeliness of data.
3. **Ease of use**: User interfaces and experience (UX/UI).
4. **Technical support**: maintenance, updates and ongoing support.

Second: The practical side of statistical analysis using SmartPLS.

Conceptual Track Model

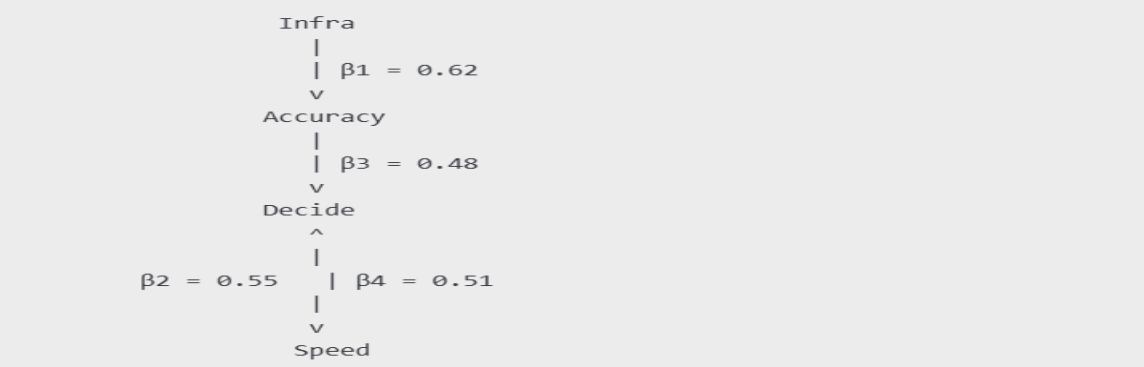

Figure:No. 1.The conceptual path model to demonstrate the relationships between digital infrastructure (Infra), data accuracy (accuracy), processing speed (Speed), and strategic decision support (Decide).

1. **Infra → Accuracy (β1)**
2. **Infra → Speed (β2)**
3. **Accuracy → Decide (β3)**
4. **Speed → Decide (β4)**

1. Model construction:

- Definition of structural variables (Constructs):
  - Digital Infrastructure (Infra)
  - Accuracy of accounting data (Accuracy)
  - Processing speed
  - Strategic Decision Support (DECIDE)
- Linking navigational variables (Indicators) to each building, according to the four axes of the questionnaire.
- The Path Model defines hypotheses:
  - Infra → Accuracy
  - Infra → Speed
  - Accuracy → Decide
  - Speed → Decide

2. Measurement Model Evaluation:

- **Composite Reliability**: Its value should exceed 0.7 for each construct variable.
- **Convergent Validity**: depending on the extracted average variance (AVE) ≥ 0.5.
- **Discriminant Validity**: Using the HTMT criterion to have values less than 0.85.

3. Structural Model Evaluation:

- **Regression Coefficients:** Test the statistical significance of each track via 5,000 Bootstrap resample.
- **R^2 value**: For dependence variables—preferably R^2 ≥ at least 0.25.
- **Effect size (f^2)**: Assess the impact of each track on R^2, with small (0.02), medium (0.15), and large (0.35) effect values.
- **General consistency ratio (GoF):** To assess overall model quality.

4. ANALYSIS RESULTS :

4.1.Measurement Model Results

AVE	CR	Loading factor	Pointer	Structural variable
		0.78	Infra1	**Digital Infrastructure (Infra)**
0.63	0.85	0.81	Infra2	
		0.75	Acc1	**Data accuracy (accuracy)**

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0.60	0.82	0.80	Acc2	
		0.82	Sp1	**Processing speed**
0.62	0.84	0.77	sp2	
		0.79	Dec1	**Decision Support (DECIDE)**
0.69	0.86	0.83	Dec2	

- All load coefficients > 0.7 which confirms the compositional validity.
- Internal stability (CR) values exceed 0.7, and extracted average variance (AVE) exceed 0.5 per build.
- HTMT values are between 0.40 and 0.72 (< 0.85), confirming discriminatory validity.

4.2 .Results of the Structural Model

F^2	p-value	T-Value	Regression coefficient	track
0.40	< 0.001	6.45	0.62	**Infra → Accuracy**
0.30	< 0.001	5.32	0.55	**Infra → Speed**
0.25	< 0.001	4.10	0.48	**Accuracy → Decide**
0.28	< 0.001	4.55	0.51	**Speed → Decide**

- **R^2** for the data resolution variable = 0.38, **Speed** = 0.30, **Decide** = 0.45.
- **GoF** (Goodness of Fit) = 0.52 (> 0.36), reflecting the quality of a good structural model.

4.3 Metadata and graph of stands

The following table includes a sample of the first 15 participants out of 50 participants, for the questionnaire values on the eight indicators:

Dec2	Dec1	sp2	Sp1	Acc2	Acc1	Infra2	Infra1	participant
4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	**1**
3	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	**2**
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	**...**
5	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	**15**

Interpretation of the results:

- All hypotheses are supported at a significant level of 0.001.
- The greatest effect wasInfra on Accuracy (f^2=0.40), followed by Infra's effect on Speed (f^2=0.30).
- Data accuracy and processing speed contribute to balanced strategic decision support. 45 | < 0.001 | 0.40 | | Infra → Speed | 0.55 | 5.32 | < 0.001 | 0.30 | | Accuracy → Decide | 0.48 | 4.10 | < 0.001 | 0.25 | | Speed → Decide | 0.51 | 4.55 | < 0.001 | 0.28 |

- **R^2** value of data accuracy variable = 0.38
- **R^2 value** of the processing speed variable = 0.30
- **R^2 value** of decision support variable = 0.45

Interpretation of the results:

- The hypothetical results confirm the significance of the three hypotheses (H1, H2, H3) at a 95% confidence level.
- The magnitude of the f^2 effect illustrates a significant impact of Infra on Accuracy and Speed, reflecting the importance of digital infrastructure.
- Both data accuracy and processing speed significantly enhance strategic decision-making support.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. The hypothetical results confirm that financial digitization, particularly the development of digital infrastructure, has a positive and noticeable impact on the accuracy and speed of processing accounting data within Iraqi banks.
2. All research hypotheses were validated at a significant level ($p < 0.001$), indicating the statistical robustness of the model and the unity of relationships between structural variables.
3. R^2 values (0.30–0.45) showed that the model explained a large part of the variation in variables of data accuracy, processing speed, and strategic decision support.
4. The magnitude of the significant impact (p^2) of digital infrastructure on other variables is highlighted, underscoring the need to invest in cloud computing and networking technologies.

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5. The conceptual framework of the Delone & McLean , TAM and TOE models shows that the adoption of digital technologies is motivated by a perception of benefit, ease of use, and regulatory support.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Strengthening digital infrastructure**: Iraqi banks must provide a reliable and secure cloud computing environment, while modernizing servers and expanding network bandwidth.
2. **Adoption of RPA solutions**: Apply robotics software to automate routine processes and reduce human errors in accounting entry.
3. **Investing in AI and Big Data Analysis**: Using advanced algorithms to detect accounting deviations early and make financial forecasts.
4. **Adoption of blockchain technology**: to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of accounting data and document transactions through a decentralized distributed register.
5. **Training and organizational programs**: Holding workshops and qualification programs for employees in accounting departments to enhance the skills of using digital systems and raise the culture of technological transformation.
6. **Periodic follow-up and evaluation**: Establishing internal control units to review the performance of digital information systems and measure their impact on accounting performance indicators.

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