



# THE MODERN PROCUREMENT PLAYBOOK

## From Manual to Strategic

How growing organizations are transforming procurement, from an administrative function into a strategic advantage.

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# The Procurement Reality Today



## **Manual Workflows**

Stuck in email,  
Excel, and paper



## **Slow Approvals**

Lengthy, opaque  
bottlenecks



## **Fragmented Spend**

No clear view across  
departments

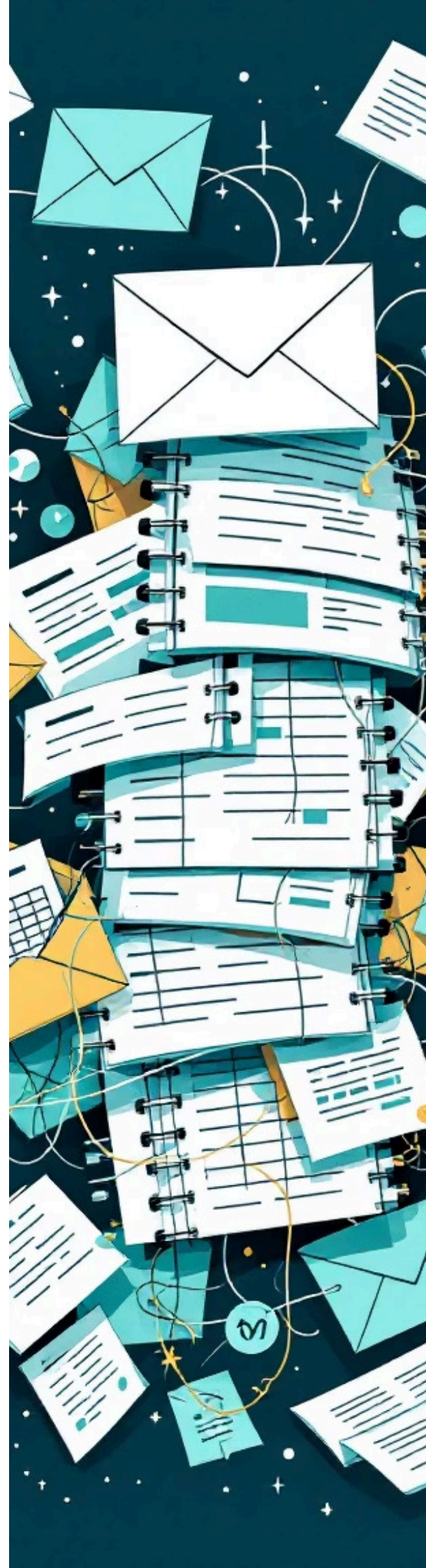


## **Reactive Teams**

Firefighting instead  
of strategizing

It 'works,' for now. But it won't  
scale.

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# The Hidden Cost of Manual Procurement



## Time Leakage: Delays in Approvals & Sourcing

- Requisitions wait days for approvals across email chains
- Sourcing cycles stretch because quotes are scattered across inboxes
- Procurement teams spend **40%+** of time chasing status updates instead of strategic work
- *Result: Faster competitors win supplier relationships and better terms*



## Cost Leakage: Maverick Spend & Poor Price Control

- Departments bypass procurement to "move faster," creating duplicate vendor relationships
- No visibility into total spend means missed volume discounts
- Renegotiations happen reactively, not strategically
- *Result: 15-30% of spend goes uncontrolled*



## Risk Exposure: Weak Audit Trails & Compliance Gaps

- Email approvals leave no clear record of who approved what and why
- Compliance requirements are met inconsistently across departments
- Supplier risk isn't tracked or monitored
- *Result: Audit failures and regulatory exposure*



## Decision Blindness: No Real-Time Data for Leadership

- Finance can't answer "where is our spend?" without manual spreadsheet work
- Leadership makes decisions without visibility into supplier performance
- Procurement insights never reach the boardroom
- *Result: Missed cost savings and strategic opportunities*

**What feels "manageable" today becomes a bottleneck tomorrow.**

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# From Transactional ...to Strategic



## Manual Procurement

- Reactive buying
- Disconnected tools
- Cost-focused only
- Firefighting mode



## Strategic Procurement

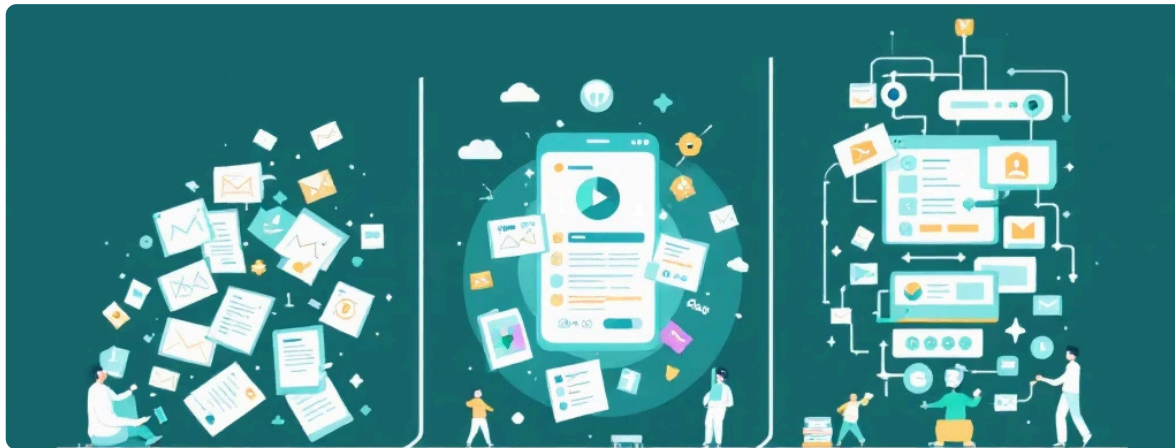
- Planned sourcing
- Single source of truth
- Value, risk and performance focus
- Proactive leadership

Strategic procurement aligns people, process and data around business goals.

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# The 3 Stages of Modern Procurement



## Stage 1: Manual

Procurement happens across email chains, spreadsheets, and paper. No central system. No audit trail. Teams spend time searching for information instead of making strategic decisions.

## Stage 2: Digitised

You've adopted tools, but they don't talk to each other. Data lives in silos. Approvals still require manual handoffs. You have visibility in pockets, not across the whole business.

## Stage 3: Strategic

Procurement is fully integrated. From requisition to payment, everything flows through one system. Leadership has real-time visibility into spend. Policies are enforced automatically. Decisions are backed by data.

**Technology alone doesn't make procurement strategic. Alignment does.**

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# What Enables Strategic Procurement

This shift is enabled by a combination of technological foundations and process optimizations that create a seamless, transparent and data-rich environment.

## Unified Platform

Centralized Workflows. A single, integrated ecosystem that connects every stage of the procurement lifecycle, from requisition to payment. This eliminates data silos and ensures a consistent flow of information.

## Intelligent Automation

Automating repetitive, rule-based tasks such as purchase order generation, invoice matching, and compliance checks. This frees up procurement teams to focus on higher-value activities and ensures consistent policy enforcement.

## Actionable Insights

Leveraging advanced analytics and business intelligence to transform raw spend data into real-time, actionable insights. This empowers finance and leadership with the visibility needed for informed decision-making.

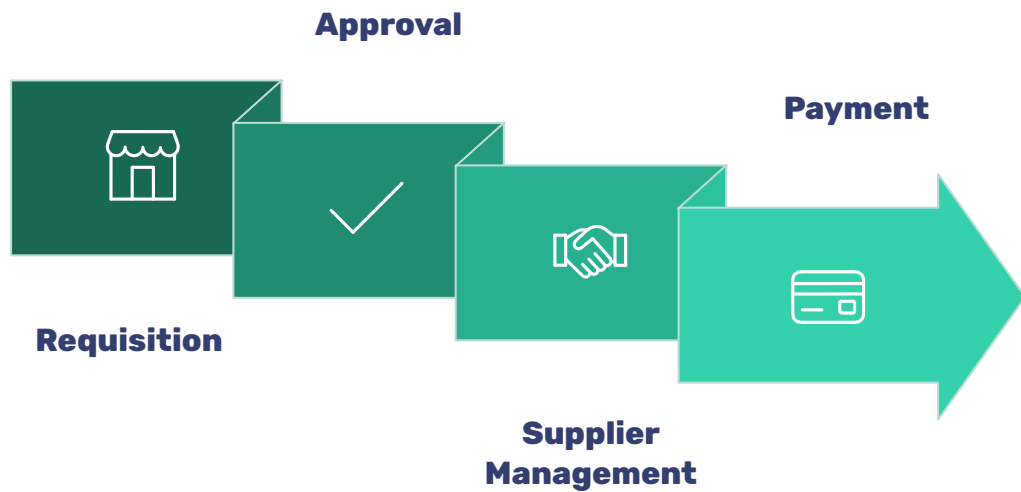
## Collaborative SRM

Dedicated tools & processes to foster stronger, more strategic relationships with suppliers. This includes robust vendor management, performance tracking and clear communication channels to drive mutual value.

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# Enabling Procurement That Works for the Business

We've designed a comprehensive solution that brings your entire procurement lifecycle into **one connected system**, eliminating the silos and inefficiencies that hinder growth.



Scale provides the structure for compliance and auditability while streamlining workflows to accelerate every step of the purchasing process.

- **Brings procurement into one connected system**

- **Designed for growing, multi-department organisations**

- **Built to support control *and* speed**

- **Turns procurement data into usable insight**

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# Procurement shouldn't slow your business down. It should help it move smarter.

## Ready to Unlock Your Procurement Potential?

If you're looking to move beyond the limitations of manual processes and harness the power of integrated, intelligent procurement, we're here to help.

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