





Analytics in the Age of Electronic Invoicing and Digital Bookkeeping

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Brazil's economy have gone digital. Practically all transactions (business to business and business to consumers) occur in digital format, to comply with the tax code. This means that electronic invoicing and digital bookkeeping became a common place, and the amount of data generated is staggering. How can a tax administration cope with this data growth in order to keep control of its tax base and at the same time change the way its tax auditors perform their work in this paperless reality?



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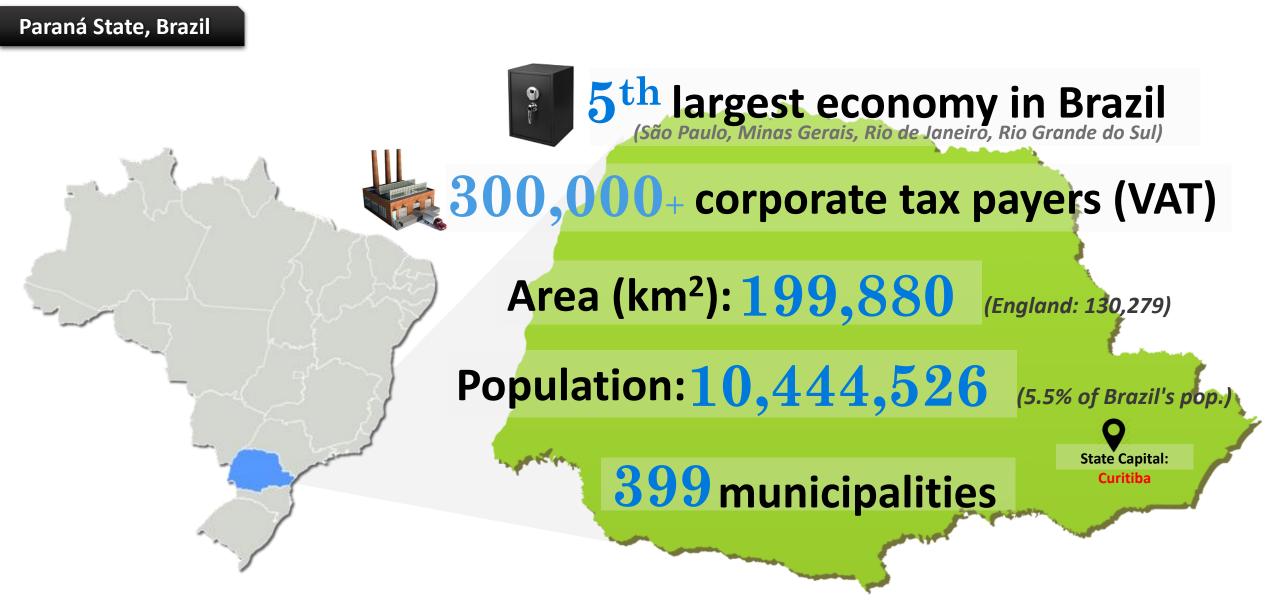
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Chapter One Paraná State









STATE TAX

REVENUE (%)

Tax on the circulation of goods and interstate and inter-municipal transportation and communications 88.9 services (ICMS) 🖸 That's our "VAT" Tax on property of automotive vehicles (IPVA) 6.1 Tax on property "causa mortis" transmission and 0.7 donations (**ITCMD**) **General Fees**

Chapter Two Electronic Invoicing & Digital Bookkeeping



Agreement 115/03

Since 2003, Brazilian corporate taxpayers from telecommunications and electric distribution industries are required to record electronically every transaction and file all their invoices (TXT format) with the state tax administration.



This means <u>all electric and phone bills (invoices)</u>, in text files with digital signature.

Public Digital Bookkeeping System (SPED)

Since 2008, companies are required to provide information about their transactions using digitally signed documents. There are, for VAT purposes, two main requirements for Brazilian corporate taxpayers:



They have to submit to the tax administration, for prior approval, <u>all their invoices</u>. In this case, we have three types of electronic invoicing: the <u>NF-e</u>, the <u>CT-e</u> and the <u>NFC-e</u>.



They are also required to monthly report their <u>tax bookkeeping</u> in a digital file (TXT format), containing all their purchases and sales (invoices), along with several other information.







Inter-municipal transportation services: CT-e

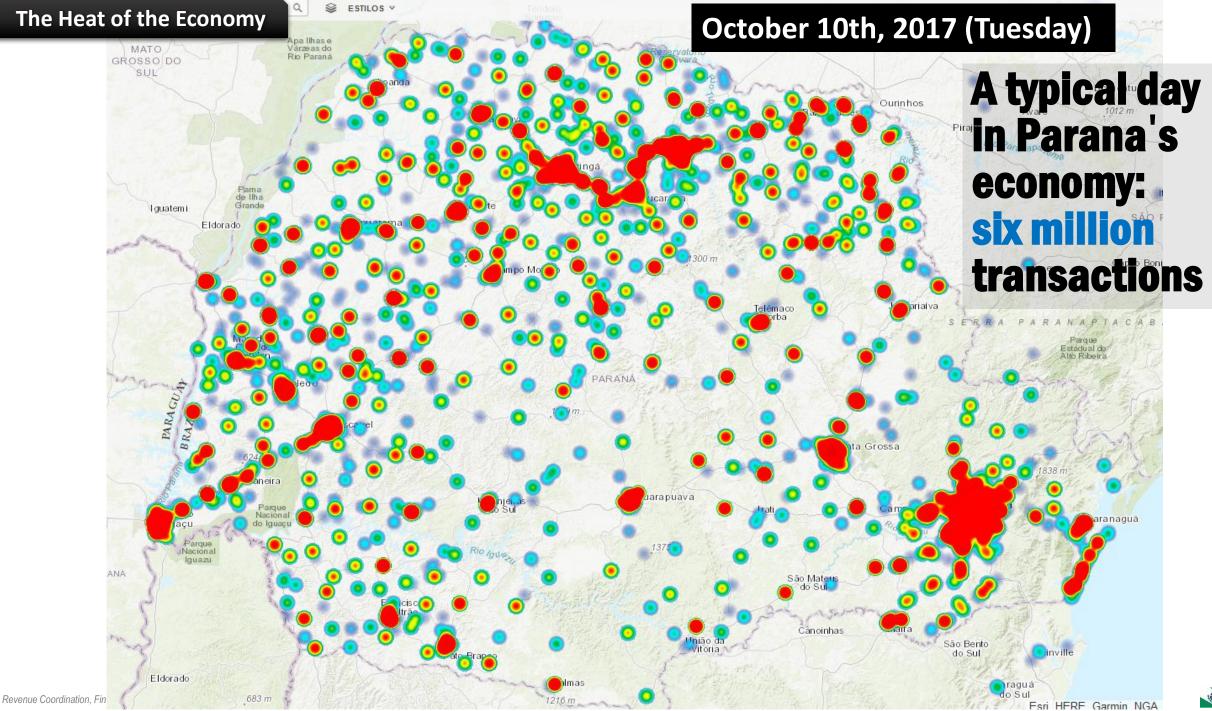


Telecommunication services: Agreement 115/03



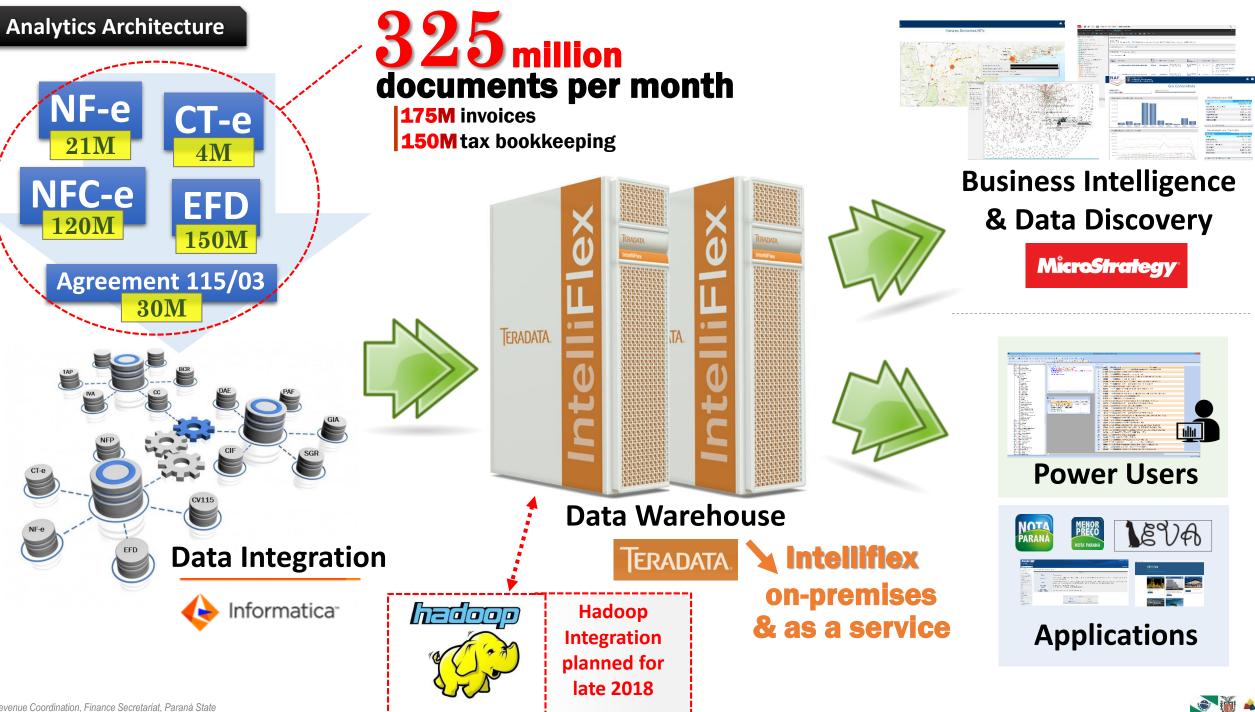
All aforementioned invoices, and many other information, must also be filed within the Digital Tax Bookkeeping:





Chapter Three Architecture, Usage & Processes





Tax Auditors Doing Analytics

We have (*only*...) a total of 640 tax auditors (considering all staffing levels)





What Do We Do With All This Data?

Virtually all businesses processes related to tax enforcement depend strongly on analytics, such as:

analysis on tax refund for "tributary substitution"

(special tax collection regime)

persistent debtor program analysis on administrative processes (requests and appeals)

special ad-hoc project audits voluntary disclosure special program

screening processes for tax fraud

tax audits and tax enforcement planning

analysis on inconsistencies by "Simples Nacional"

(special regime for SMB)

taxpayer monitoring





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Example of Analytics for Tax Audits... and a Bird's View of Our Self-Service Bl



Automated screening processes

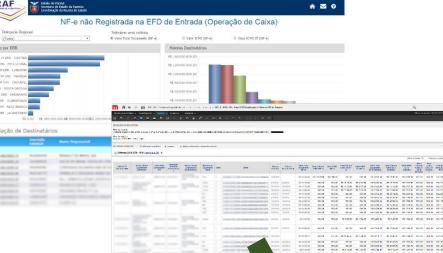
for Tax Fraud are routinely performed in the Teradata DW.



Tens of billions of records are crunched in less than one hour. * We do NOT use data

mining techniques... yet

Using MicroStrategy, the data is then made available in dashboards and reports.

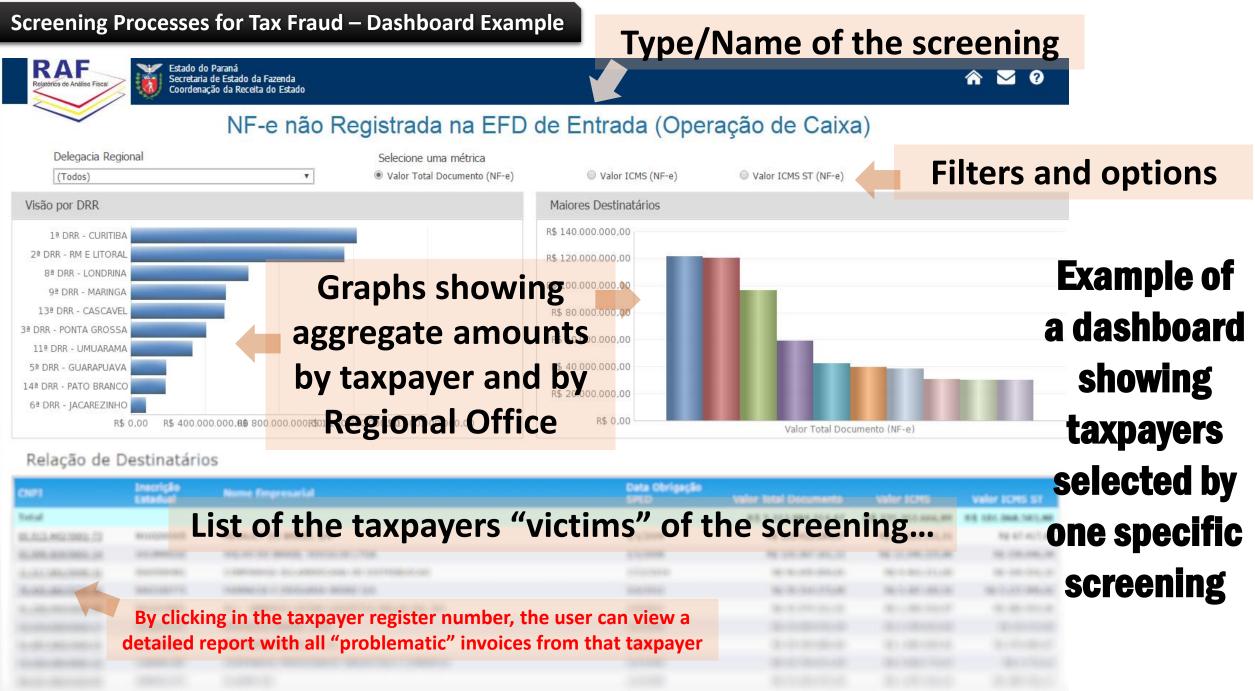


Screening: predetermined set of rules to compare data from transactions (invoices and tax bookkeeping) between buyers and sellers.



Actions can then be taken to investigate the flagged taxpayers.





Screening Processes for Tax Fraud – Report Example

Detailed report listing all invoices,

from a specific taxpayer, that met

the parameters of the screening

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Self-Service Analytics



...what our tax auditors really, really like to do is...

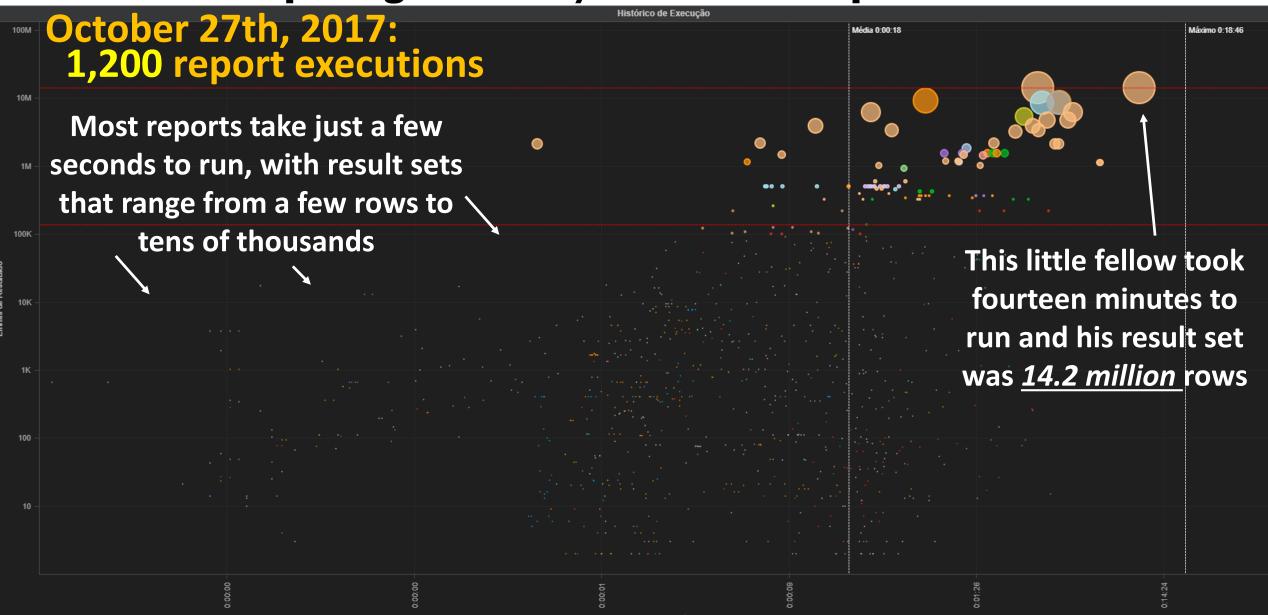


...to create their own reports!



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A Typical Reporting Day These are the report executions from tax auditors with privilege to create/run their own reports



Chapter Five Some Solutions & Benefits





Corporate taxpayers, by intent or by honest mistake, don't comply with all or part of their tax obligations. But the tax administration doesn't have enough human resources to audit all taxpayers.



A special program for voluntary disclosure was implemented in December 2013. Analytics performed in our Teradata DW, using data from electronic invoices and digital bookkeeping, identifies some non-compliant taxpayers activities. Taxpayers are informed that possible tax evasion was detected and they can either file a Notice of Objection (if they disagree with the assessment) or pay the tax evaded.

Solution



Since its deployment in December 2013, this special program generated more than 180 million reais (60 million USD) in revenue. It is responsible for an average increase of more than 4 million reais (1.3 million USD) per month for this specific type of revenue (voluntary disclosure).





There are many corporate taxpayers with an established history of default (failure to pay the taxes owed) and it is very time consuming for the tax administration to track and collect taxes from these *persistent debtors*.





The persistent tax debtors are required to pay their taxes in a daily basis, or after each transaction. So they are constantly monitored and a dashboard identifying all large persistent debtors is used to quickly deploy teams of tax auditors to keep contact with the taxpayer and ensure that they pay their taxes.



Since the deployment of this special program for Persistent Debtors, the tax revenue from these specific taxpayers increased 24 times - from a monthly average of 9.5 thousands reais to 246.1 thousands. The total of tax amount recovered from this program since its deployment in May 2015 is 5.6 millions reais (1.8 million USD).



Corporate taxpayers are increasingly failing to pay the **Problem** ICMS-ST, the "tax substitution VAT", on their transactions (i.e., failure to declare taxable transactions)

Only ONE small type of tax audit on a SINGLE taxpayer generated enough income to pay practically all investment that we recently made in a new **Teradata DW infrastructure**

Using data available in the Teradata DW, the tax auditor built a report in MicroStrategy that compares the taxable value informed by the taxpayer in his "GIA-ST" (ICMS-ST Information File Monthly) with the tax value registered in his own invoices issued and also with the value of tax actually paid. Very simple and efficient!

Solution



This specific tax audit resulted in 10.6 million reais (3.5 million USD) of tax paid by the offending taxpayer. The same MicroStrategy report (that the tax auditor used for this tax audit) is used by him to audit other taxpayers, simplifying his work and making it far more efficient than before.



Chapter Six

What Are They Saying?



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The Users (Tax Auditors) Stories

And what our tax auditors are saying about our new analytical toys?

Efficiency & Completeness "Now we can perform tax audits with much more in-depth analysis and in less total time"

Volume

"... is extremely important for tax enforcement, especially regarding corporate taxpayers with large volumes of data"

Easy of Use

"The simplicity is scary, it's difficult to believe in how easy this is"

Accessibility "We finally have quick access to data and information"

Availability "The sky is the limit to how we can work with the available data"

Speed

"It allows quick analysis of inconsistencies in taxpayers data"





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Thank You!



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