Government Resource Planning (GRP) Brief

Situation

- Governments acquire Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS), or develop custom software[1], for managing public finances, including core Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS)
- Many Public Financial Management (PFM) observers believe that all COTS options share very similar advantages and disadvantages
- There are significant differences between COTS Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Government Resource Planning (GRP), like the FreeBalance Accountability Suite

Complication

Governments often experience:

- poor FMIS implementation success rates[2] because of the need to highly customize[3] COTS and custom solution
- high post-implementation costs because of the need to maintain, train, retain, and upgrade systems with customized code
- constraints to support future PFM reform given so much customized code, and limited public service information technology capacity
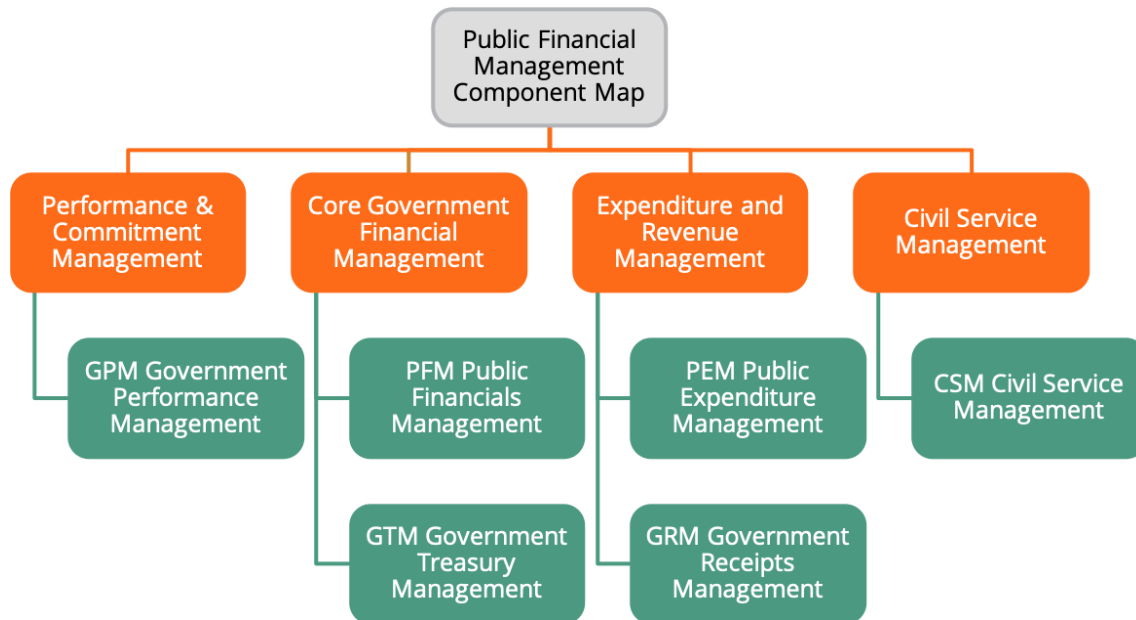
Question

- Can software solutions be crafted that include all of the benefits of COTS, and few of the disadvantages?

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[1] often called: "Locally-Developed Software" (LDSW)
[2] on-time, on-budget, and meeting objectives
[3] code customization, rather than No-Code/Low-Code configuration

Solution

The FreeBalance Accountability Suite is the first global GRP that includes:

- Massively configurable metadata[4], language[5], rules[6], and workflow[7] to accelerate implementations
- Progressive activation to support future PFM reform and modernization objectives
- Integral budget and commitment controls throughout all modules supporting the PFM Component Map across the government budget cycle

Appendix: Supporting Material

FreeBalance blog entries

1. GRP in not ERP
2. Is FreeBalance Technically ERP
3. Customization vs Configuration in Digital PFM

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[4] includes: no-code budget classifications, chart of accounts, organizational charts, chart of goals

[5] includes: no-code single translation file, terminology adaptation, adaptable help

[6] includes: no-code parameters, addition of fields and tables

[7] low-code workflow editor