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The Finance Leader's Automation Playbook:

10 Workflows You Should Never Do Manually Again

Finance teams are under more pressure than ever to close faster, report deeper, and scale without adding headcount. The problem is time, not talent. The average finance team spends the majority of their week on repeatable, low-judgment work that modern systems can handle automatically.

This isn't a future state. The workflows below are already automated at high-growth companies today. Here's what they look like and what becomes possible when your ERP handles them natively through Aura Flows.

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1. Month-End Close Task Management

The manual version: Close tasks live across spreadsheets, Slack threads, and email chains. Someone misses a step. The controller spends more time chasing status updates than reviewing actual work.

The automated version: Close checklists trigger on schedule, assign tasks by owner, and surface blockers in real time. Nothing falls through the cracks because nothing depends on someone remembering to check a spreadsheet.

With Aura Flows: Rillet's close management module automates task assignment, sequencing, and status tracking — compressing timelines and giving controllers full visibility.

2. Bank Reconciliation

The manual version: Export transactions from your bank, import into Excel, manually match line items, flag exceptions, reconcile discrepancies. Repeat every single month.

The automated version: Transactions are matched continuously and in real time. Exceptions surface instantly. The month-end bank rec goes from a multi-hour project to a brief review of the handful of items that actually need human judgment.

With Aura Flows: Rillet's AI reconciliation engine runs continuously against your full transaction history, delivering a 99.999% auto-match rate. Your team reviews exceptions, not every line item.

3. Accounts Receivable Collections

The manual version: Pull the aging report, identify overdue accounts, write individual follow-up emails, track responses, repeat next week. One person owns this and when they're busy, it slips.

The automated version: Invoice reminders trigger automatically based on aging thresholds. Escalation sequences run without anyone initiating them. Your AR team focuses on relationships and exceptions, not reminder emails.

With Aura Flows: Aura monitors outstanding invoices and automates collections sequences so cash comes in faster without relying on anyone's memory.

4. Accruals Detection and Booking

The manual version: Review vendor history, estimate what's owed but not yet invoiced, write journal entries manually. It's time-intensive, error-prone, and one of the most common sources of close delays.

The automated version: Your system analyzes past vendor bills and service periods, surfaces recommended accruals each period, and posts entries with one click or prompts you to approve before it does.

With Aura Flows: Ask Aura "What accruals should I book this month?" and get a prioritized list tied to actual vendor history. Entries are ready to post in seconds, not hours.

5. Revenue Recognition

The manual version: Match contracts to invoices in spreadsheets, calculate recognition schedules manually, update them every month as contracts change. It works until it doesn't... and at scale, it always breaks.

The automated version: Revenue is posted at the transaction level as it's earned. Deferred revenue schedules update automatically. ARR and MRR metrics reflect real-time actuals without anyone touching a formula.

With Aura Flows: Rillet recognizes revenue natively at the transaction level, syncing directly from contracts in tools like Salesforce or HubSpot. No spreadsheets, no manual schedules, no reconciliation required between billing and books.

6. Spend Anomaly Detection

The manual version: Someone notices a weird charge in the GL three weeks after it posts (or never). By the time you catch a pricing change or unexpected vendor fee, it's already been sitting in your books for a month.

The automated version: Your system monitors spend patterns continuously and alerts you the moment something is off, with context. Not just that Slack spend went up, but why: seat count increased from 30 to 40 users.

With Aura Flows: Aura's spend analysis runs in real time against every transaction flowing through Rillet. You get notified instantly with the explanation already written... no digging required.

7. Vendor Deduplication and AP Coding

The manual version: "AWS," "Amazon Web Services," and "AMZN*12345" are three separate vendors in your system. Someone has to clean this up manually, and it keeps coming back.

The automated version: Vendor normalization runs continuously. Duplicates are flagged and merged automatically. GL coding suggestions apply based on historical patterns so new transactions land in the right account without manual review.

With Aura Flows: Aura's automated vendor deduplication keeps your vendor master clean without requiring a quarterly cleanup project. Coding accuracy improves over time as the system learns your patterns.

8. Prepaid Amortization and Fixed Asset Depreciation

The manual version: Maintain a prepaid schedule in Excel. Update it every month. Reconcile it to the GL. Make sure no one's accidentally deleted a row. Repeat this process indefinitely.

The automated version: Your system scans invoices, identifies prepaid and fixed asset items, builds the amortization waterfall, and posts monthly entries automatically. The schedule lives in your ERP, not a spreadsheet someone owns.

With Aura Flows: Rillet automates the entire prepaid and depreciation workflow — from invoice detection to monthly entry posting — with no spreadsheet dependencies and full audit trail.

9. Flux Analysis and Variance Narratives

The manual version: Pull actuals vs. budget, identify variances above threshold, write narrative explanations for each one, format for the board deck. This process easily takes two to four hours every close cycle.

The automated version: Your system identifies material variances automatically, explains the likely root cause in plain language, and produces board-ready narrative — in the time it takes to ask the question.

With Aura Flows: Aura's flux analysis agent surfaces variance explanations tied to actual transaction data. The output is ready to paste into your board deck or management report without editing.

10. Investor and Board Reporting

The manual version: Pull numbers from multiple sources, format reports, update the deck, reconcile any discrepancies that surface before the board meeting. This is a two-day project every quarter for most finance teams.

The automated version: Financial statements, ARR waterfall, SaaS P&L, NDR cohort analysis, and budget vs. actuals all live in one place and update in real time. Board prep becomes a review, not a production effort.

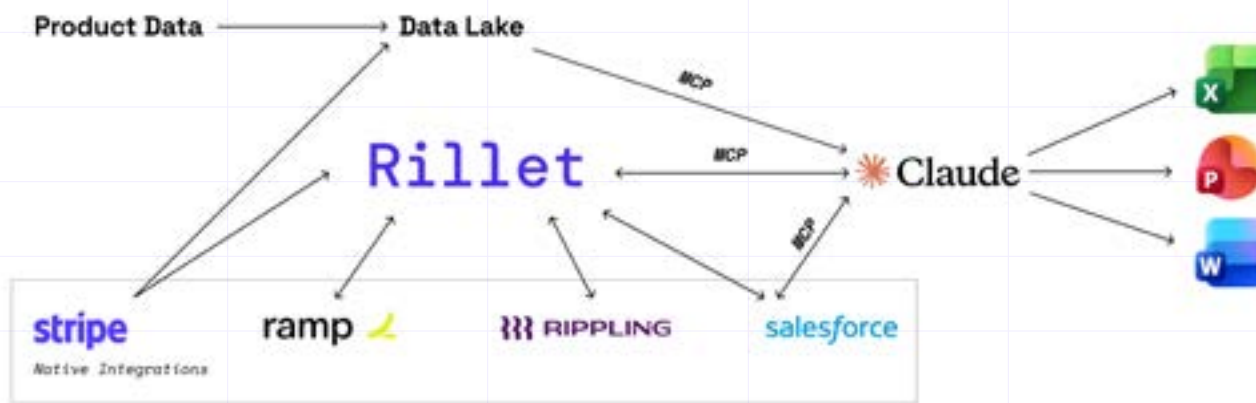
With Aura Flows: Rillet's reporting suite gives finance leaders a single source of truth for every investor-facing metric with built-in dashboards that update live so the numbers are always ready when you need them.

The GTM leader who modeled a new comp plan in 10 minutes

A revenue leader at a fast-growing SaaS company needed to model a new compensation structure for their entire GTM org — splitting commissions between upfront booking and consumption-based unlock.

The old way: weeks of spreadsheet work, manual data pulls from multiple systems, and a finance analyst tied up for days. Instead, they described the model they wanted in plain English. Claude pulled closed won opportunities from Salesforce, matched them to invoice payment status via Rillet, layered in monthly credit consumption data from BigQuery, and built a five-tab Excel model — complete with a control panel for toggling commission rates, upfront/consumption splits, and consumption thresholds — in a single session.

The output: a fully interactive model covering AE and DE commission pools, deal-level breakdowns, and a monthly consumption tab. 74% of deals were automatically matched to consumption data. Scenarios that previously took days to model now take minutes to re-run.



Which Workflow Will You Choose?

Each of these workflows has two versions: the manual version most finance teams are still running, and the automated version that's available right now. The gap between them isn't a people problem — it's a system-of-record problem.

When your ERP is AI-native and connected to your full tech stack, automation isn't a feature you bolt on. It's just how finance works. The teams closing in five days, scaling to \$100M ARR with two finance people, and walking into board meetings with confidence — they're not doing it with better spreadsheets. They've automated the work that doesn't require them.

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