

Robots

Businesses turn to software robots for office work

The rise of the bots promises to bring sweeping changes for cubicle dwellers. Some 4m of these people in the US are likely to see their jobs taken over by the end of 2021, says Craig Le Clair, an analyst at Forrester Research. Each bot can handle the work it would take three or four full-time workers to perform, he says. And at \$8,000-\$9,000 a year in licensing fees, they are a lot cheaper.

Financial Times, March 9, 2018, on robotic process automation (RPA) software, which "takes the robot out of the human"