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## 45 | Online SMSF Auditing Software

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### Online SMSF Auditing Software

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Online SMSF auditing software is software that allows SMSF auditors to audit SMSFs in the cloud. Just like a desktop solution it allows auditors to plan and conduct an audit in line with the Australian Auditing Standards. These standards include the Auditing Guidance Statement GS009, Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993, Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulation 1994 and the ITAA 1936 and 1997.

Online SMSF auditing software will eventually save us time. On the auditor's side but with sufficient integration also on the accountant's side. But the challenge is exactly that: integration and set up. There are solutions out there but they are usually not directly integrated to the SMSF accounting software we use.

However, this is changing fast.

Manoj Abichandani is the head and brains behind [onlinesmsfaudit.com.au](http://onlinesmsfaudit.com.au) and an expert in the area of online SMSF products. In this episode Manoj will walk us through the ins and outs of Online SMSF Audit, but the aim is to look at all this might change the way we will collaborate with each other.

At the moment most of us still email documents backwards and forwards to get a fund through an audit. Clearly not an efficient process. So the integration of auditing software with the relevant accounting software will be a huge step in the right direction.

This episode is about online SMSF auditing software – and we cover that. But then Manoj also starts looking at the much bigger picture and looks at the current set up of SMSF software in general. If you are interested in how the SMSF software market might evolve, I urge you to listen to this episode.

I think Manoj is onto something. The whole process of investing, accounting, auditing, lodging should be integrated into one seamless process.

And it shouldn't be us who has to try and integrate all this. It doesn't make sense for each of us to try and put all the different building blocks together on our own. That is not an efficient approach. We usually don't have the IT skills or time to do it. And each of us engaging an IT expert for an individual solution doesn't make sense either. The future belongs to who can offer a turn-key solution that is ready at the press of a button and covers all steps in the process from set up over lodgements to investment management.

I would love to hear your thoughts. Please write if you can.

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