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DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INDEX 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dell Technologies Digital Transformation Index 2020

The Dell Technologies Digital Transformation Index (DT Index) is a global benchmark indicating businesses' status of digital transformation across the globe and how they are performing in this digital age. This is the third installment of the DT Index, and a powerful, point-in-time snapshot of how businesses are adapting to unprecedented uncertainty during a global pandemic.

According to the last wave of the DT Index (2018), many businesses' digital transformation programs were out of step with leaps in computing power and the influx of emerging technologies - making the imperative to adapt to today's unprecedented business disruption even more urgent and challenging. So, have they succeeded?

Dell Technologies surveyed **4,300** business leaders from around the globe to analyze their organizations' transformation efforts.

Global perspective: 18 countries

Cross-functional: Director to C-Suite from Mid-Size to Enterprise organizations

Industry view: 12 industries

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Survey conducted by Vanson Bourne on behalf of Dell Technologies, July & August 2020.



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UNPRECEDENTED UPHEAVAL

WE LIVE IN UNCERTAIN, TURBULENT TIMES.

Prior to recent disruption, the pace of transformation was lagging - making the imperative to transform in recent months even more challenging.

Companies are bracing themselves for a challenging chapter ahead.

Almost 1 in 3

are worried their organization may not survive the next couple of years.

60%

believe they will survive but will shed many more jobs and take years to return to profitability.



2 ACCELERATION PHENOMENON

Accelerating digital transformation programs in 2020

80%

businesses **fast-tracked** at least **some** digital transformation programs this year



Top 5 acceleration programs

- 1 Strengthening our cybersecurity defenses
- 2 Rolling out broader working from home/remote working capabilities
- 3 Reinventing how we deliver digital experiences to customers & employees
- 4 Using data in completely new ways
- **5** Transforming our services and consumption models



2 ACCELERATON PHENOMENON

The two sides of acceleration

79% are **reinventing their business model** as a result of the disruption caused by the pandemic.

50% worry they didn't transition fast enough.



are **proud of their team/organization** in the way that they've adapted their IT and business/ operational strategy.

48%

89%

fear they are **at risk of employee burn-out** from trying to adapt their IT strategy in these abnormal times.



A NEW DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CURVE

BENCHMARK GROUPS

Digital ingrained in DNA
Mature digital plans, investments and innovations in place
Gradual digital transformation and planning
Very few investments; tentative plans
No digital plans; limited initiatives and investments

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BARRIERS TO TRANSFORMATION

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Business are facing entrenched barriers to transformation

Transformation isn't easy.

94% of businesses are

facing entrenched barriers spanning across technology, people and policy.

01	Data privacy and security concerns
02	Lack of budget and resources
03	Unable to extract valuable insights from data and/or information overload
04	Lack of economic growth (NEW)
05	Lack of the right in-house skill sets and expertise (analytics, technology, and business skills)
06	Regulation or legislative changes
07	Immature digital culture: lack of alignment and collaboration across the company
80	Lack of the right technologies to work at the speed of business
09	Lack of coherent digital strategy and vision
10	Weak digital governance and structure
11	Lack of the right senior support/leadership
12	A fragmented or siloed computing environment



Top 3 barriers to transformation ANALYSIS

Data privacy and security concerns

Digital Leaders and Adopters are more likely to cite data privacy and security concerns as a major barrier to transformation – suggesting a level of awareness that others lack.

Lack of budget and resources

This barrier ranked lower for Digital Leaders and Adopters (hence they're continuing to invest in IT & workforce transformation).

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Unable to extract valuable insights from data and/or information overload

This barrier climbed from 11th place in 2016 to joint second in 2018 and remains a significant barrier. In fact, **91%** of businesses agree that **extracting valuable insights from data will be more important for their business than ever before**.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ROADMAP

Current IT Investments

say recent disruption has shown they need a more agile/ scalable IT environment. Only 410/0 say having the right technologies to work at the speed of business enabled

89%

them to successfully accelerate this year.

Investing (varying degrees)Fully completed latest investment/ mature stages





Overall planned investments over the next 1-3 years



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Technology planned investments (1-3 years) have stalled



Continual investment, amid the uncertainty, is necessary to shape the future that businesses want.

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High hopes for next 3-5 years



envision that people will use AR to learn how to do or fix things in an instant



foresee businesses using AI and data models to **predict potential disruptions**



predict distributed ledgers will make **the gig economy fairer** (by cutting out the intermediary).

Yet, despite the high hopes, businesses are not investing accordingly:





6 THE WORKFORCE TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVE

Remote working is the new normal







Room for improvement: digital skills



Businesses are continuing to invest in their workforce but some of these efforts are stalling.

Sharing knowledge across business functions

Investing in digital skills/talent (i.e. teaching all employees how to code)



2016 2018 2020

Room for improvement: agile culture

just **17%**

are **hosting hackathons** / scrums to encourage innovation



are actively encouraging a fail-fastthen-succeed mindset



Room for improvement: engaged leadership



only
30%



could say that having an engaged leadership team (championing digital transformation) enabled them to accelerate. are in communication with/from the C-Suite to **identify discrete projects** in the business that can be digitized.

have appointed a **Chief Data Officer**.



LEARNING FROM

Digital Leaders have ingrained digital in all they do



96% of Digital Leaders say their ability to collect, analyze and act on data has made it easier to adapt and survive

74% of Digital Leaders have already set-up new digital channels to support customers during the pandemic

Digital Leaders believe that within 12 months they'll be:

> 92% Extracting insights at the Edge



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94%

Overcoming bandwidth and latency issues at the Edge



93%

Making their data secure, at the Edge



7 | LEARNING FROM THE LEADERS

More Digital Leaders successfully accelerated key transformation programs







READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT

In response to these turbulent times, we've seen a major acceleration in digital transformation.

Today, nothing is certain. Business continuity for longterm resilience is paramount and we all need to be ready for what's next, because the world can change in an instant.

With a strong ally by their side, businesses can absolutely adapt to new routines and push the frontiers of what's possible, with timely, on-demand IT that flexes to meet the needs of the business.



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