



IDC FutureScape: Worldwide IT Industry 2018 Predictions – Latin America Implications

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IT Industry: Worldwide Drivers

- ✓ Accelerating DX: Technology-centric transformation altering business and society
- ✓ Pace of change: Technology capabilities enable sustainable change at the speed of digital business
- ✓ DX delta: Leaders and disruptors widen performance gap
- ✓ Human versus machine: The impact of AI and automation
- ✓ Sense, compute, actuate: The new data-centric paradigm
- ✓ Platform disruption: Unleashing digital innovation's power for scale
- ✓ Cyberthreats: Theft, ransom, and cyberattack on the rise
- ✓ Shifting economics: Changing value structures and the rise of digital capital
- ✓ The future workforce: Global demand for digital talent
- ✓ Innovation impasse: Legacy systems constraining transformation

For additional details on the above drivers, please refer to report #US43171317 IDC FutureScape: Worldwide IT Industry 2018 Predictions.

IT Industry: LatAm Situation Analysis

- During 2018, Latin America will slowly start to emerge from a two-year adjustment to the end of the commodity boom of the prior decade.
- Digital transformation (DX) has created an increasingly global marketplace in which Latin American companies feel the pressure to keep moving forward at a frantic pace. Digital disruption is pushing Latin America's largest and most successful companies to transform.
- During 2018-2020, Latin America will turn the digital corner and GDP will quickly 'digitize'. The digital economy will steadily become just 'the economy'.
- The staggering pace of current technological innovation is only escalating the sense of urgency. Entry of global 'digital-natives' is lighting a fire under the mostly digital-immigrant corporate space of Latin America to become digital-natives.
- To transform, companies will not only need to master technology and algorithms. They will also need to master data and talent.

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GDP growth in 2018-2019

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Companies undertaking a DX strategy in 2018

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DX will reach 40% of all IT spending by 2020

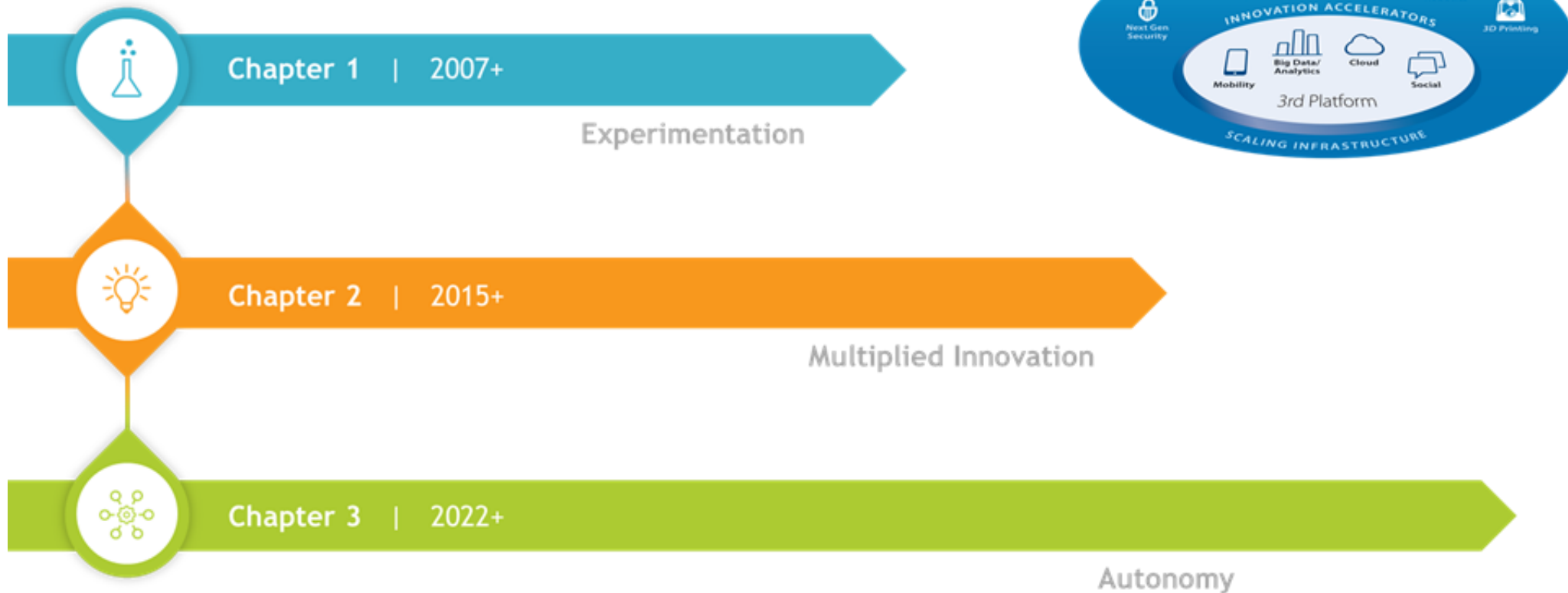
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Companies that reached a DX transformation phase in 2017

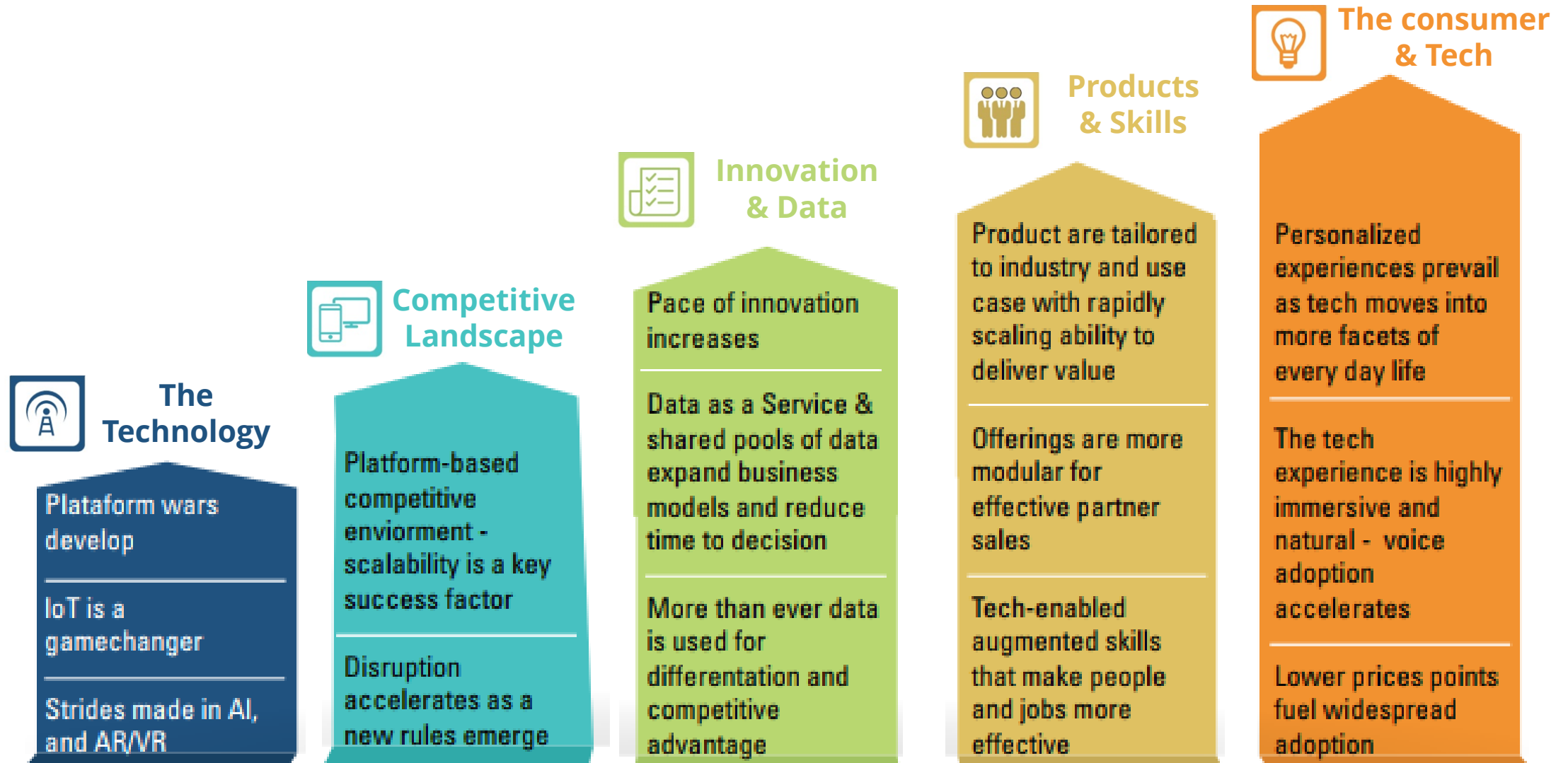
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Unfilled tech jobs in 2019 in Latin America

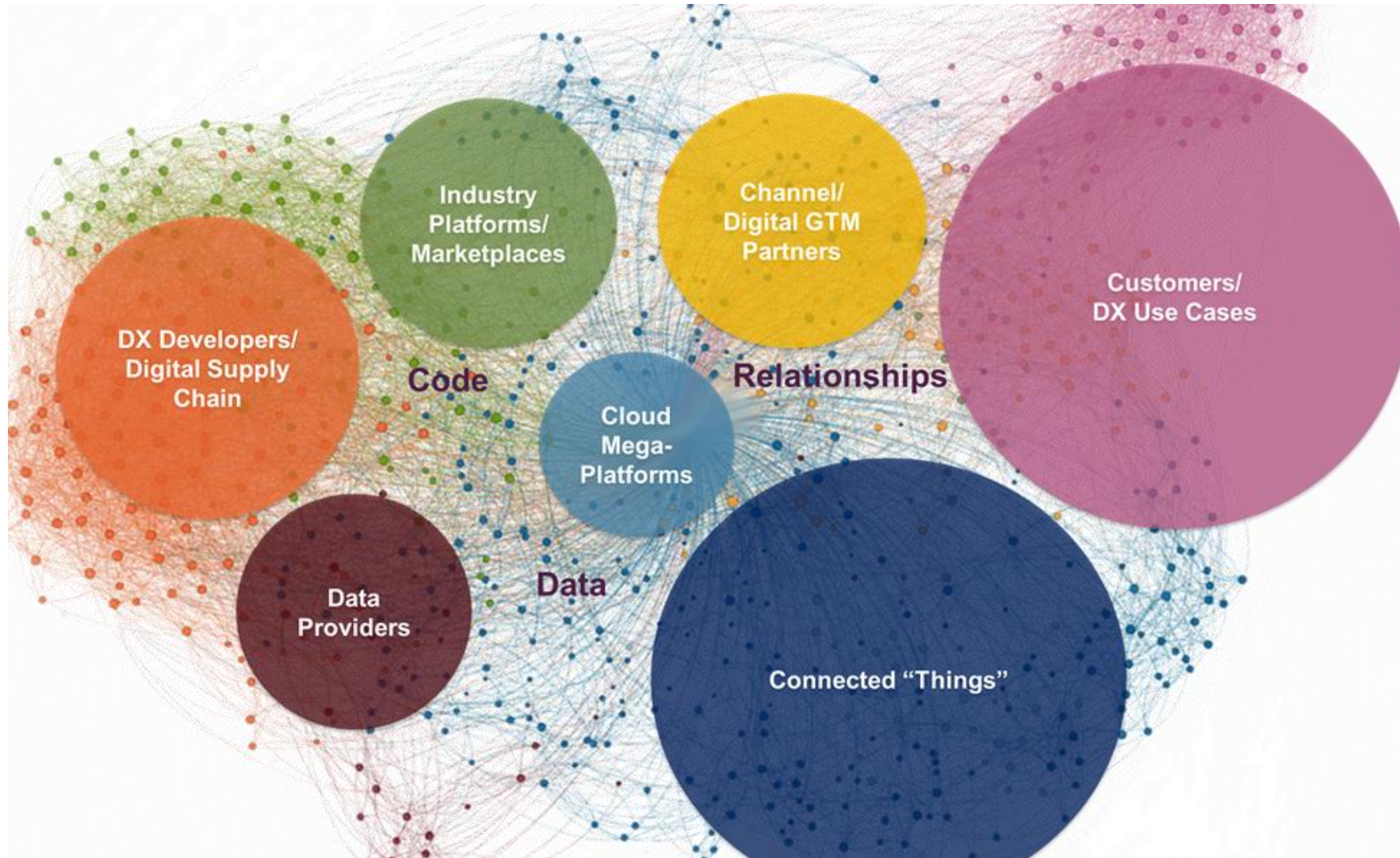
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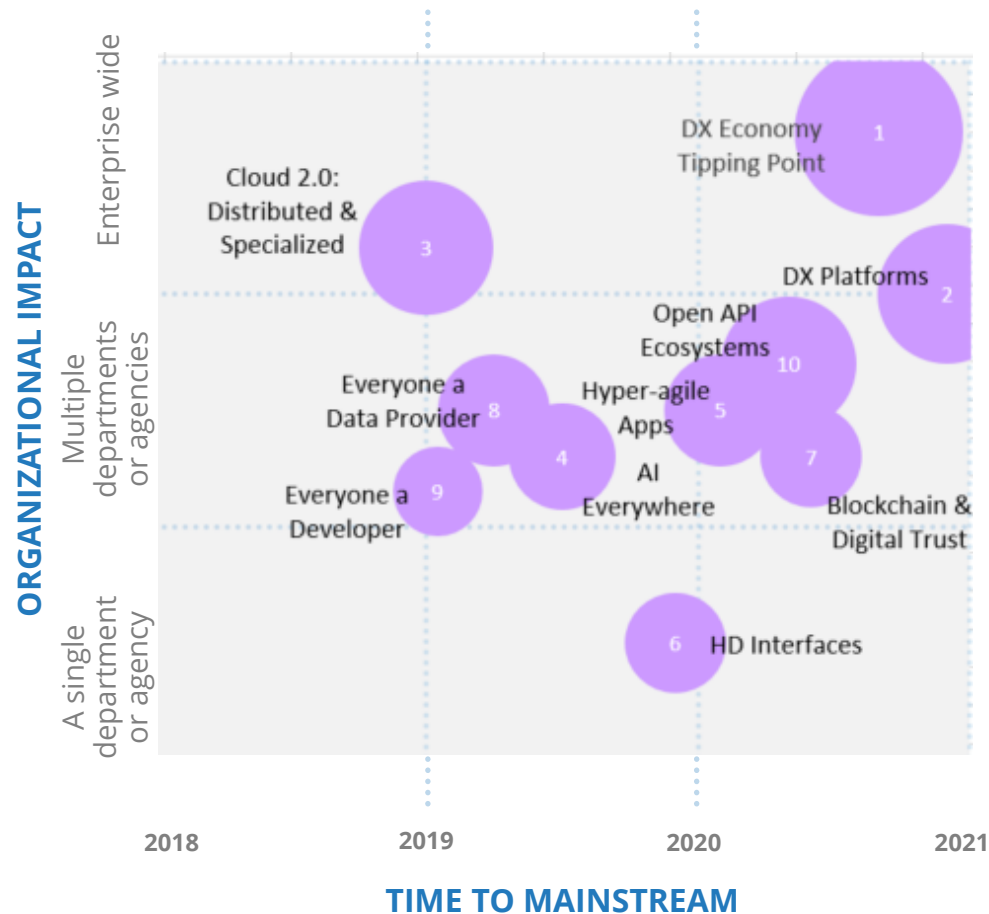
The Second Chapter: Multiplied Innovation for the DX Economy



Becoming a Digital Native Enterprise: Digital Innovation Network



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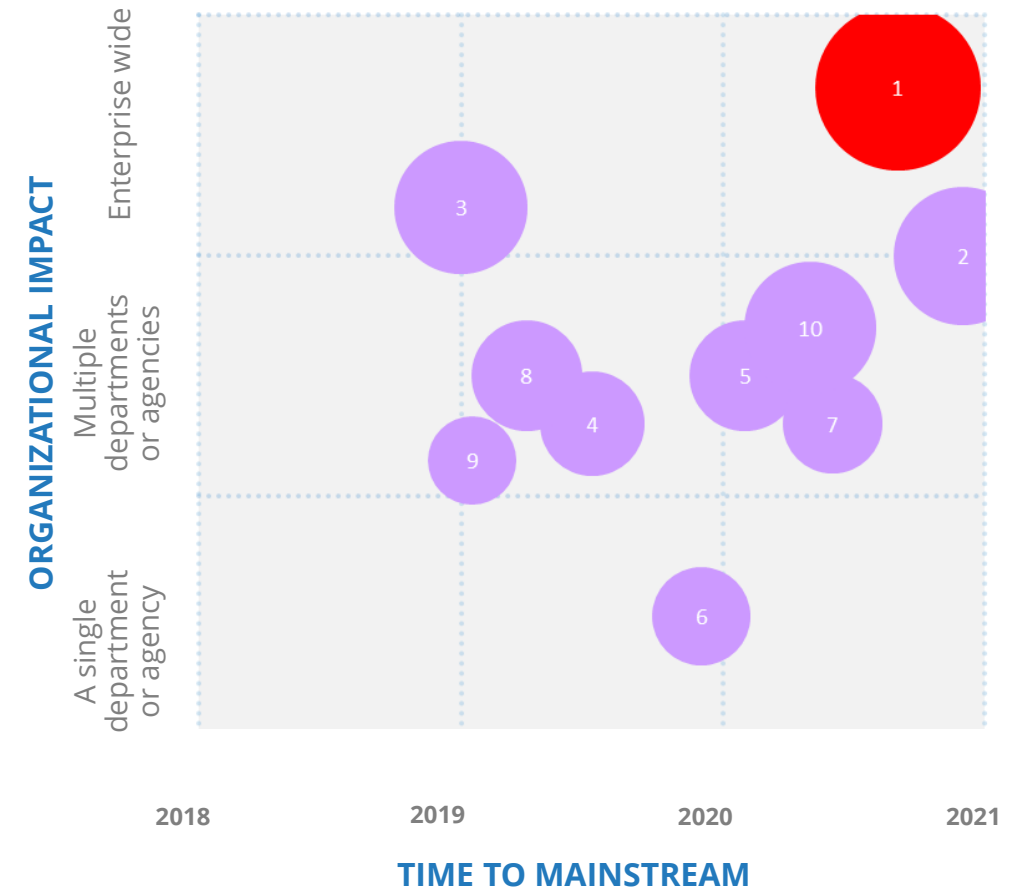


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IT Impact

- Digital transformation (DX) will rise to the top of CEOs' and line of-business (LOB) executives' priority lists
- The urgency to digitally transform will drive an increasingly large portion of ICT spending. By the end of 2019, DX Spending will increase 54% from 2017
- Low currency valuations make the opportunity for M&A in Latin America even more enticing, requiring digital roadmaps and expected penetrations a required due diligence metric

Business Impact

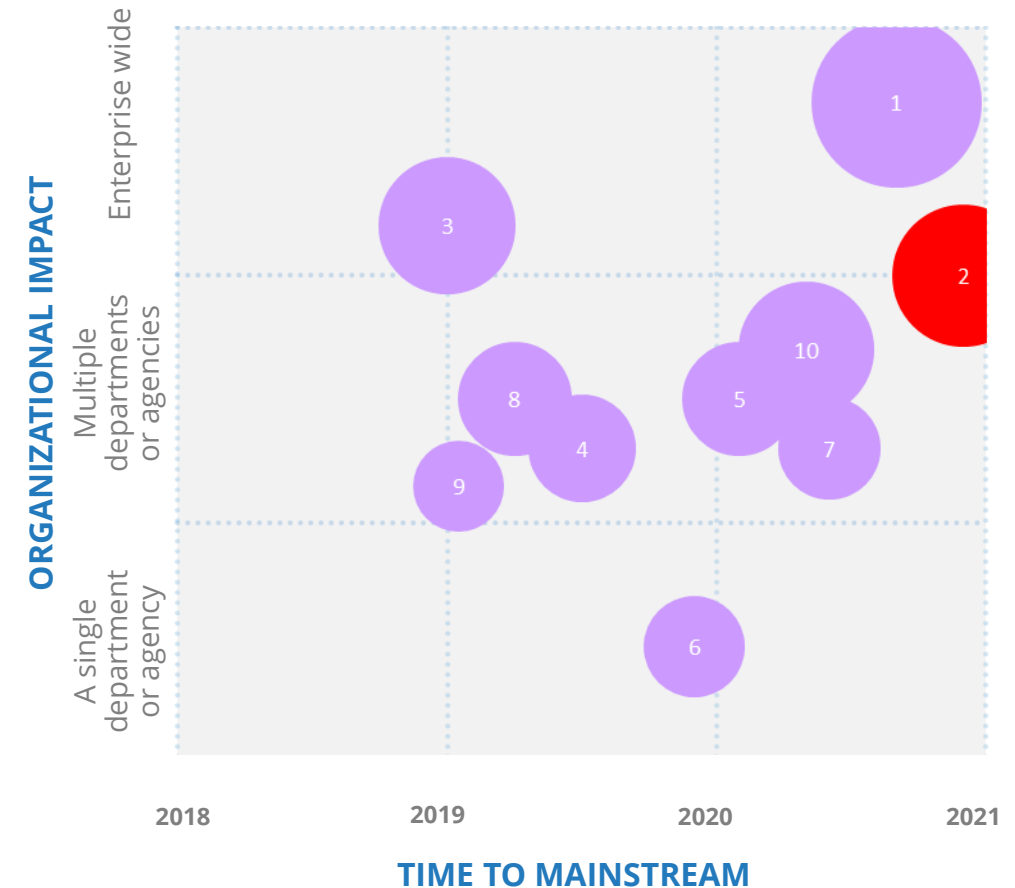
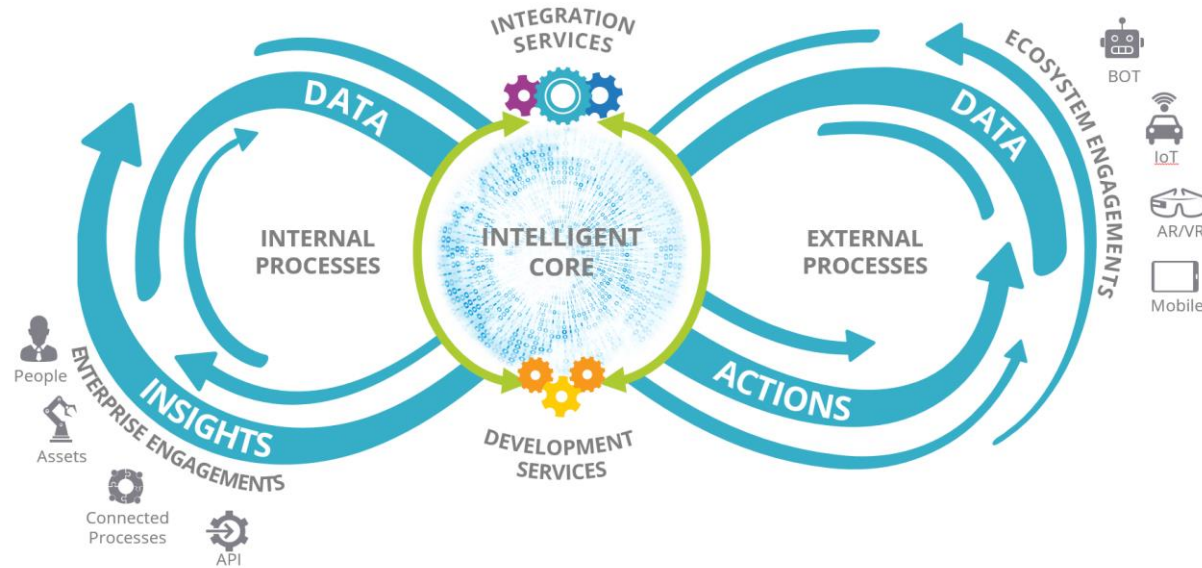
- Business unit heads and their staff will have to deal with organizational and cultural changes around a DX strategy
- Business unit heads must appreciate and embrace technologies, or face replacement

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- IT leaders must partner with business to deliver value beyond the narrow confines of traditional IT priorities and investment models
- Time is short. The IT organization must quickly move to a digital-native model over the next three years (see the following nine predictions)
- Strategy must be drawn against a global benchmark. A borderless marketplace is the competitive landscape of the DX economy

Prediction #2: DX Platforms

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IT Impact

- The ultimate goal is an integrated platform where the new 'intelligent core' at the heart of the DX platform is the foundation for sustainable digital innovation
- CIOs will need to understand that the architecture that they define to underpin the data-driven DX platform strategy will be key for long-term success
- Tech leadership should focus on 'scale' as the underlying design principle for this platform

Business Impact

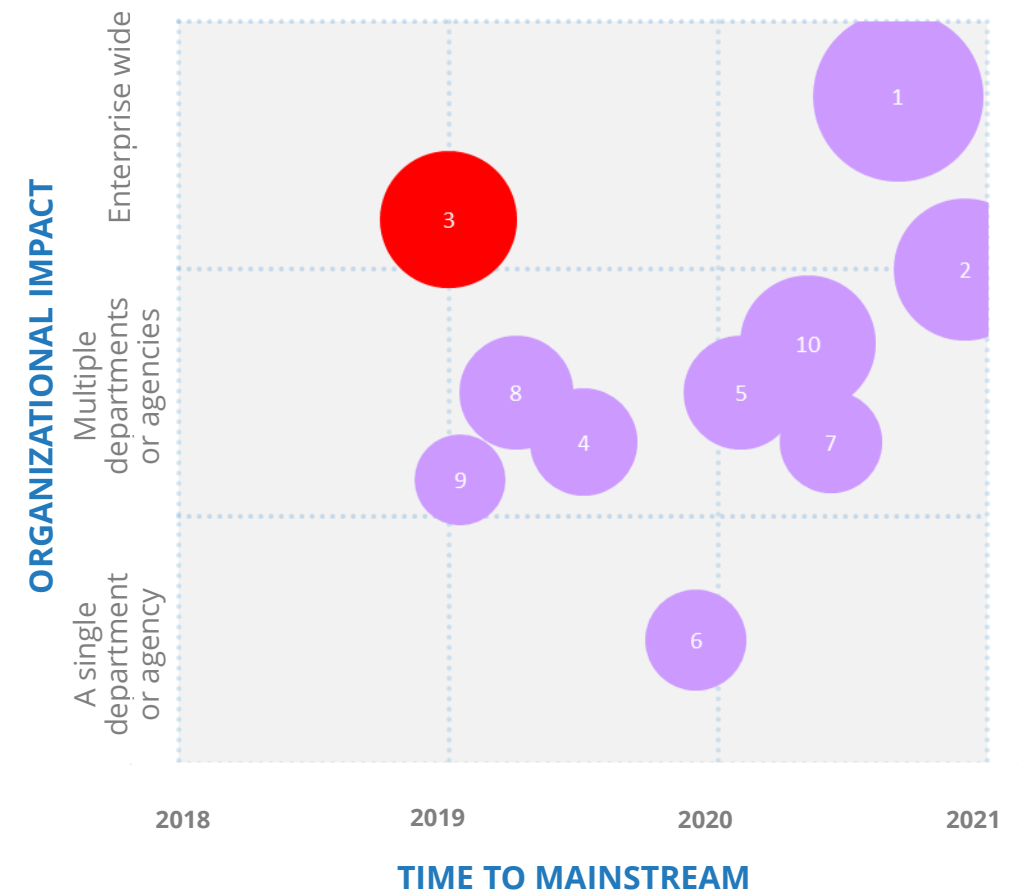
- The DX Platform should be seen as a key enabler for key business outcomes and priorities being laid out by the board (and hopefully being driven by the CEO)
- A digital Dream Team will span IT, digital and business teams

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- DX platforms are meant to cut across all workflows and business processes, evolving/transforming old IT to new digital capabilities
- The key differentiator for the organization will be the algorithms, code and models that sit within the intelligent core
- Ensure that all layers of the enterprise platform (from infrastructure to software) are sufficiently open to allow interoperability with other members of the ecosystem (partners, suppliers and vendors)

Prediction #3: Cloud 2.0 – Distributed and Specialized

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IT Impact

- Management and integration of resources across cloud platforms will become critical technical capabilities at IT organizations driving DX
- Leading IT vendors will emerge around four platform "galaxies": megaplatforms, enterprise application platforms, cloud integrators/managers, and industry clouds

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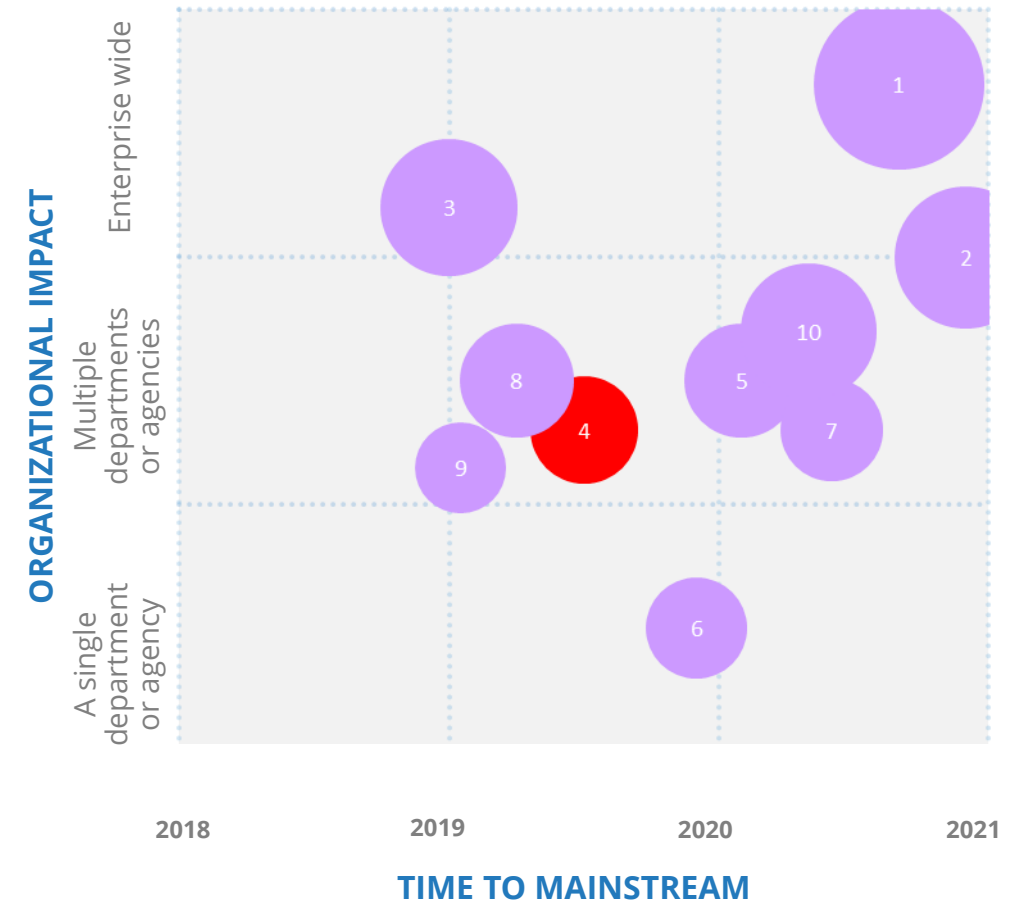
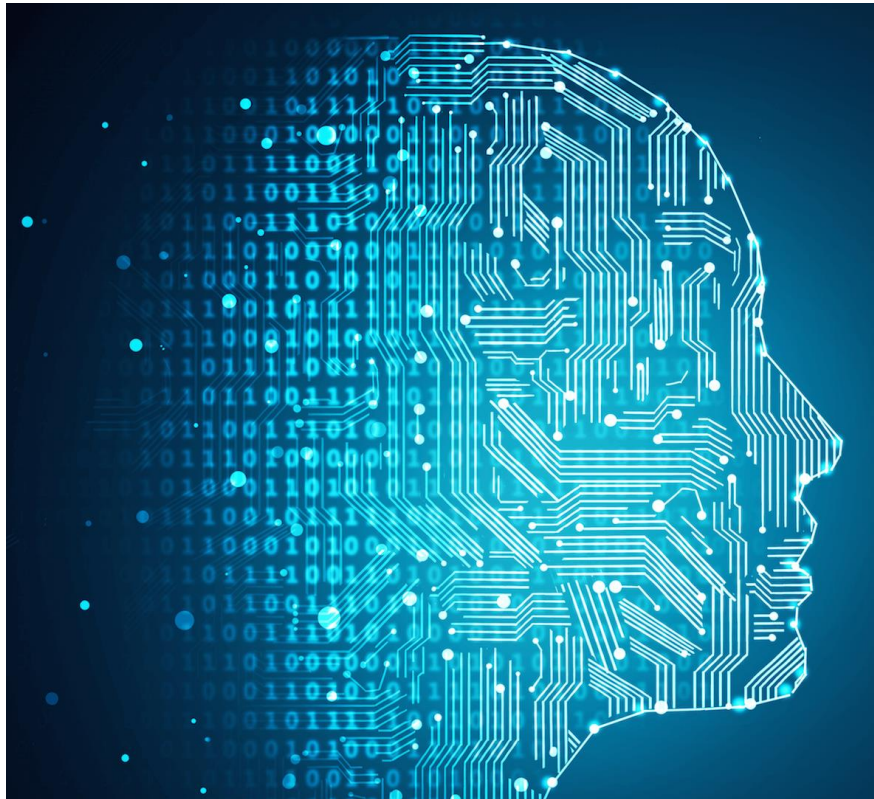
- The emergence of "cloud at the edge" will open up vital opportunities, but also new requirements for IT planning and management
- Adopting the cloud is no longer primarily about economics and agility. It is becoming enterprises' most critical, and dependable, source of sustained technology innovations

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Focus early on developing a structured integration framework across cloud platforms
- Get involved in the early stages of creation of new digital services to leverage large numbers of "edge" IT assets (e.g., hospitals, mines, transportation hubs, and factories), especially in high- latency geographies
- Cloud vendors represent not just their offerings, but also large partner/innovators ecosystems – assess the scope and strength of their ecosystems

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IT Impact

- Digital services and apps without "AI inside" will fall behind competitors' pace of innovation
- IT will need to invest in technologies to ingest, profile, validate and cleanse (and store) multiple streams of high volume data that feed machine learning and cognitive apps
- The IT organization will be the first in self-use AI

Business Impact

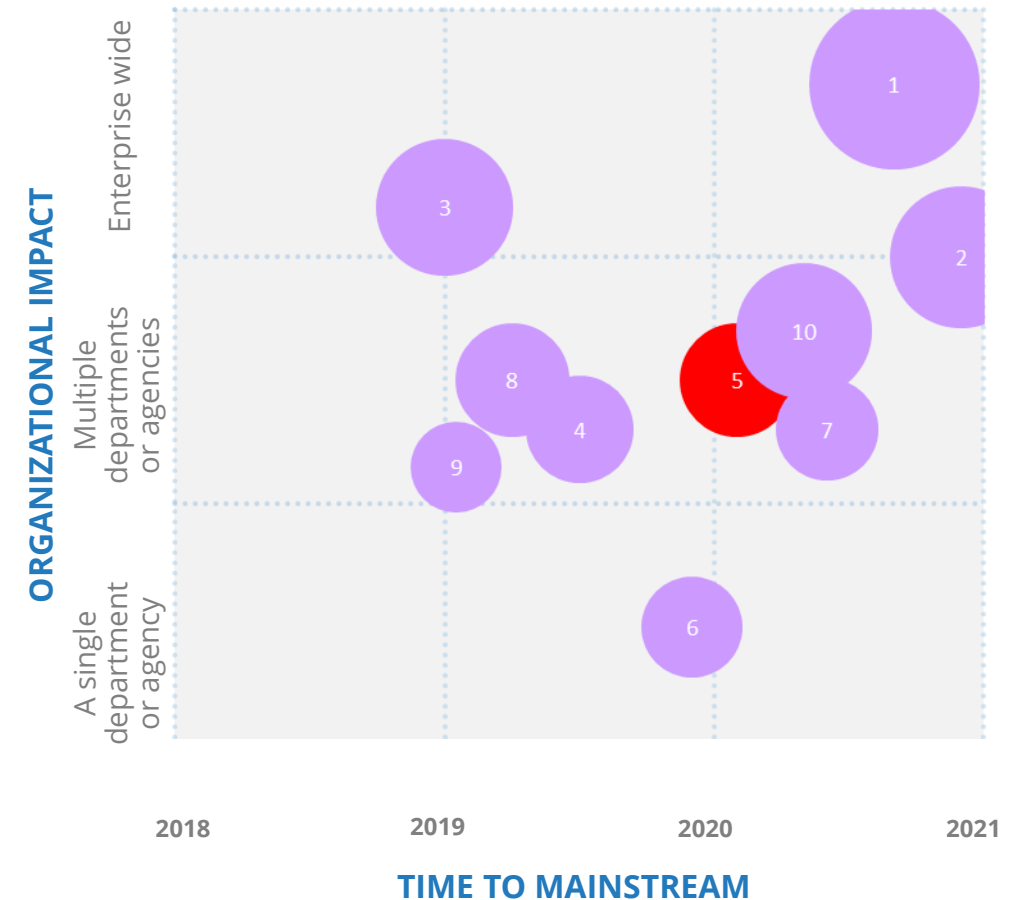
- AI adoption deserves an inter-disciplinary and cross-business-unit strategy
- Talent, both AI engineers and data scientists, will be needed

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- CIOs must create and continuously enhance an integrated enterprise digital platform that will enable new operating and monetization models. (see Prediction 2)
- Ensure the availability of API management tools that interface with data feeds for AI-powered applications and services
- Define robust privacy and security rules for cognitive computing apps

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IT Impact

- New types of applications leveraging IoT and analytics will need a modern application architecture that uses microservices and application architectures
- The move to container technologies requires an upgrade of IT skills in the organization, and may introduce an open source approach and culture
- Use of hyper-agile architectures in Latin America will accelerate the movement from an isolated and ad-hoc cloud to a widespread and cloud-first strategy

Business Impact

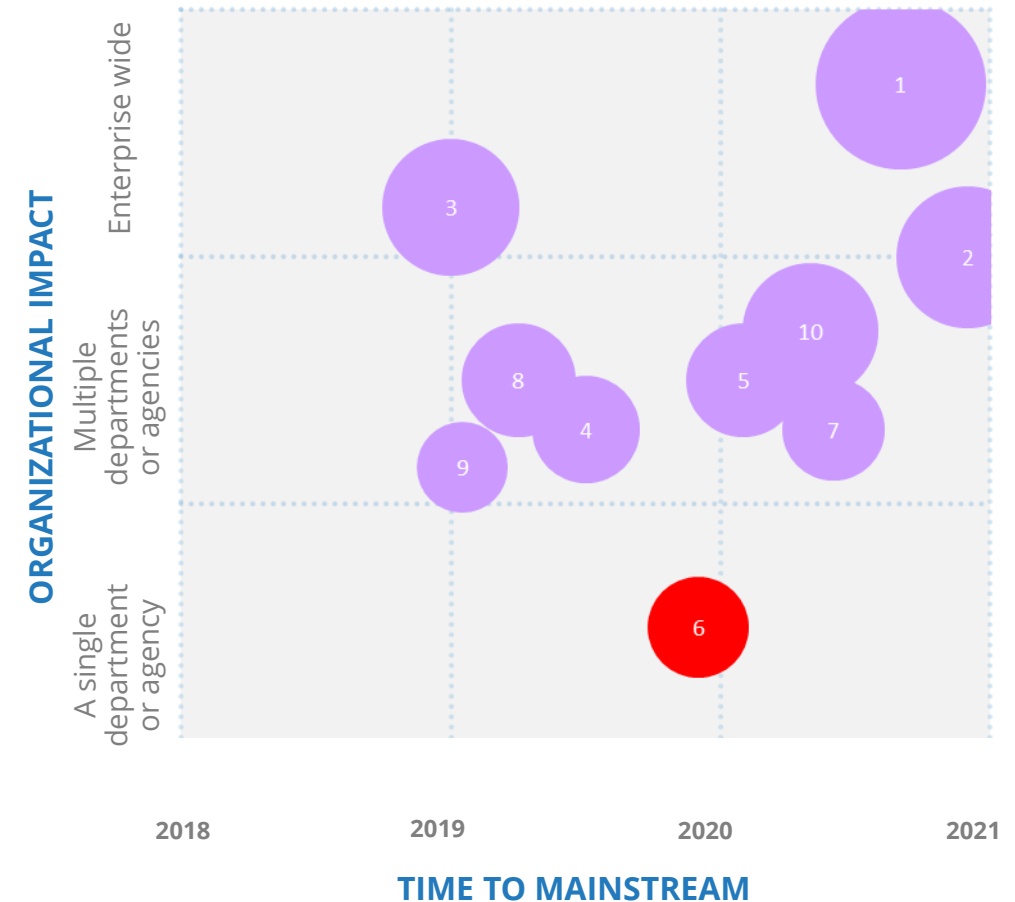
- Agility in innovation as a driver for DX will demand heavier use of cloud infrastructures
- The ability to explore new apps leveraging emerging digital capabilities enabled by IoT, AI, virtual reality/augmented reality (VR/AR) and blockchain will be easier and faster

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Cloud native computing has evolved quickly, and deploying a microservice-architected, container-packaged application in a PaaS environment should be a target for most IT organizations.
- Application developers and operations teams will need to develop effective container management strategies
- Function computing is still in its infancy, with lacking interoperability causing a lock-in buyer-beware caution

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IT Impact

- AR, voice and biometric sensing are all complex technologies that promise to revolutionize business processes, but they represent significant challenges for IT
- Shifting to new interfaces requires users to negotiate an often steep learning curve, so expect complaints along with praise

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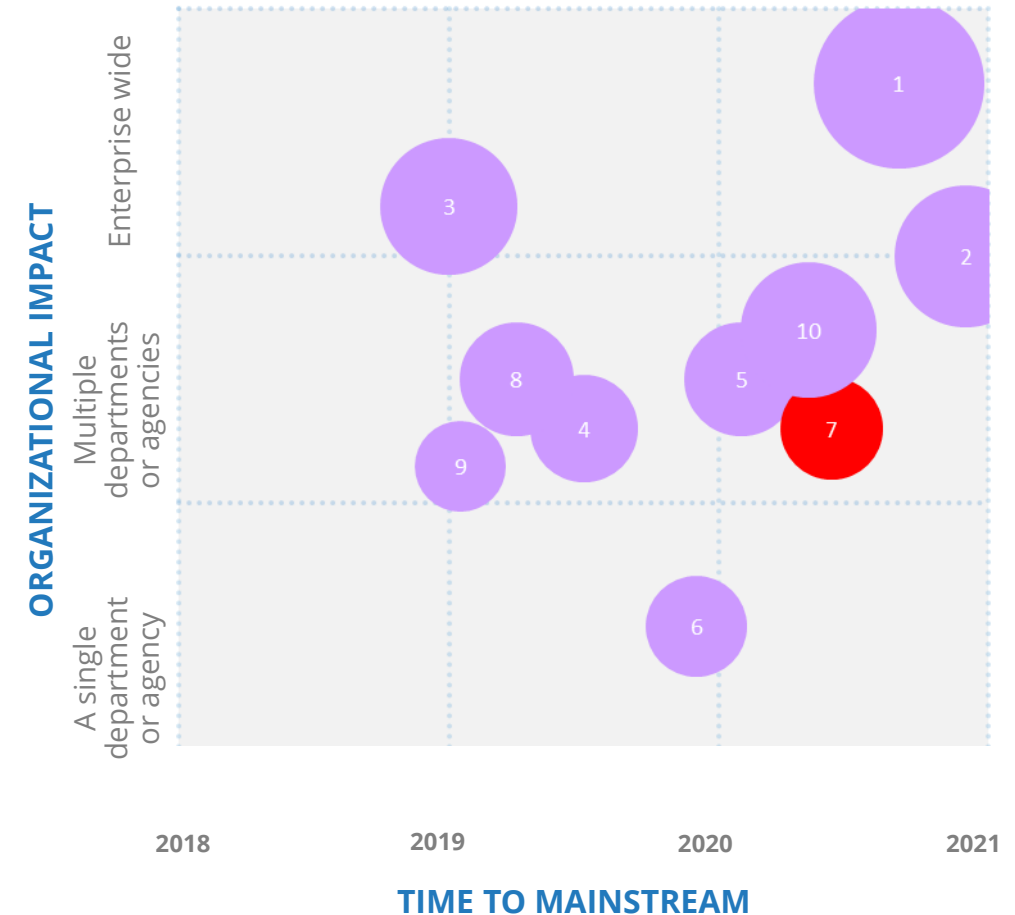
- Very quickly investment in digitization of commercial human-digital experiences will accelerate. In the retail space alone, IDC predicts investment in AR/VR and AI technologies in Latin America to reach US\$150 million in 2019
- Quick experimentation in 'test markets' must lead to rapid, widespread incorporation

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- AR technologies (and suppliers) are still in early deployment stages. Accordingly, IT should build close relationships with AR vendors
- Research and trial all available voice-powered platforms (Alexa, Google Assistant, Watson, Bixby, Siri, Cortana, etc) - not all platforms will produce the same results across the board
- Organizations should conduct a risk assessment to identify risks (and perceived risks) associated with biometric data and devices

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IT Impact

- Organizations will need interconnectivity with various ledgers of others in their industry ecosystems (e.g., for manufacturers: retailers, wholesalers, and suppliers)
- As blockchain-based business networks and transactions become more widespread, organizations not participating in blockchains will be at significant speed and cost disadvantages
- Early adopters have the opportunity to establish very strong positions over the next 36 months

Business Impact

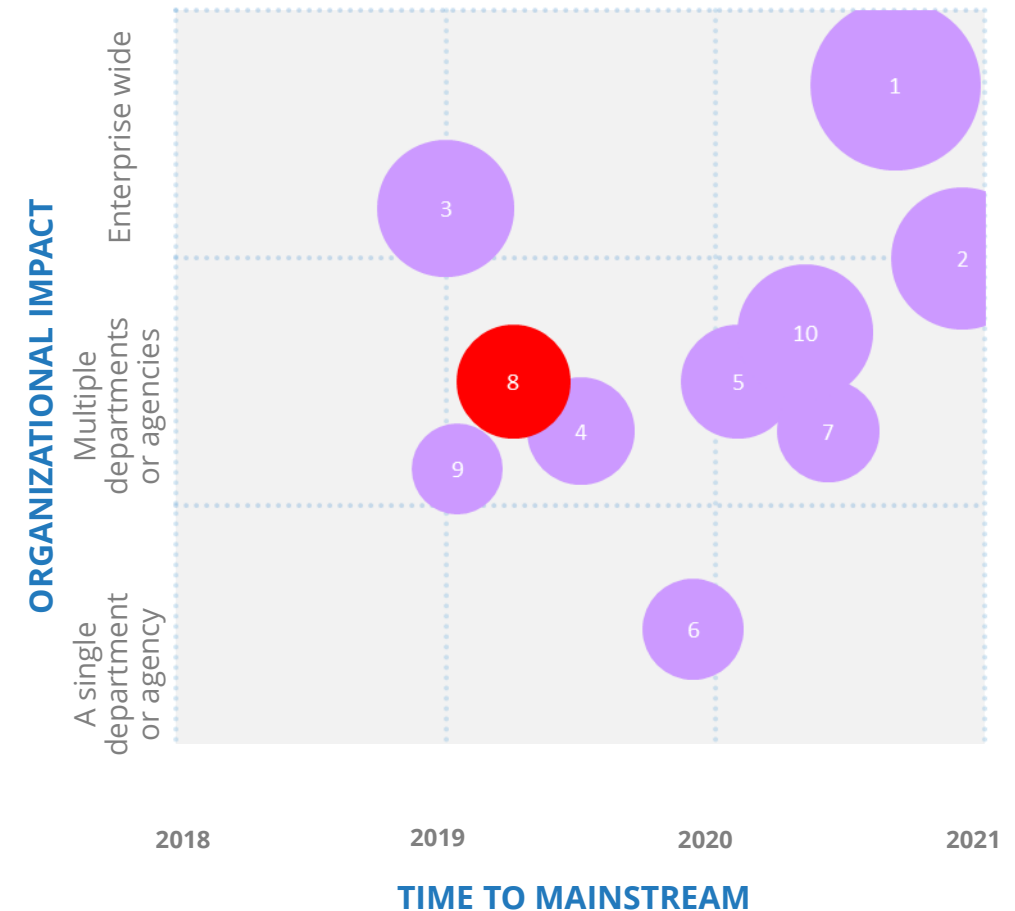
- Delivering digital trust will be the biggest driver for blockchain in the Latin America region
- Business unit heads need to gain an understanding of blockchain, its capabilities and limitations

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Investigate various blockchain consortiums for potential peers and partners to help get your organization started
- For first entrants, first use cases should already be identified and pilots should at least be in planning stage
- For slower-moving DX travelers, 2018 is the time to develop scenarios about how your organization would most profitably use blockchain as a service

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IT Impact

- In Latin America DaaS (Data-as-a-Service) will have the greatest impact for companies in advanced stages of DX where data monetization becomes key for Omni Experience, Information and Business Operations transformation
- Expect tightened controls and governance policies and procedures (including addressing data sovereignty and customer privacy issues) as the DaaS trend evolves
- Customers will begin to view DaaS as an integral part of the purchased product or service

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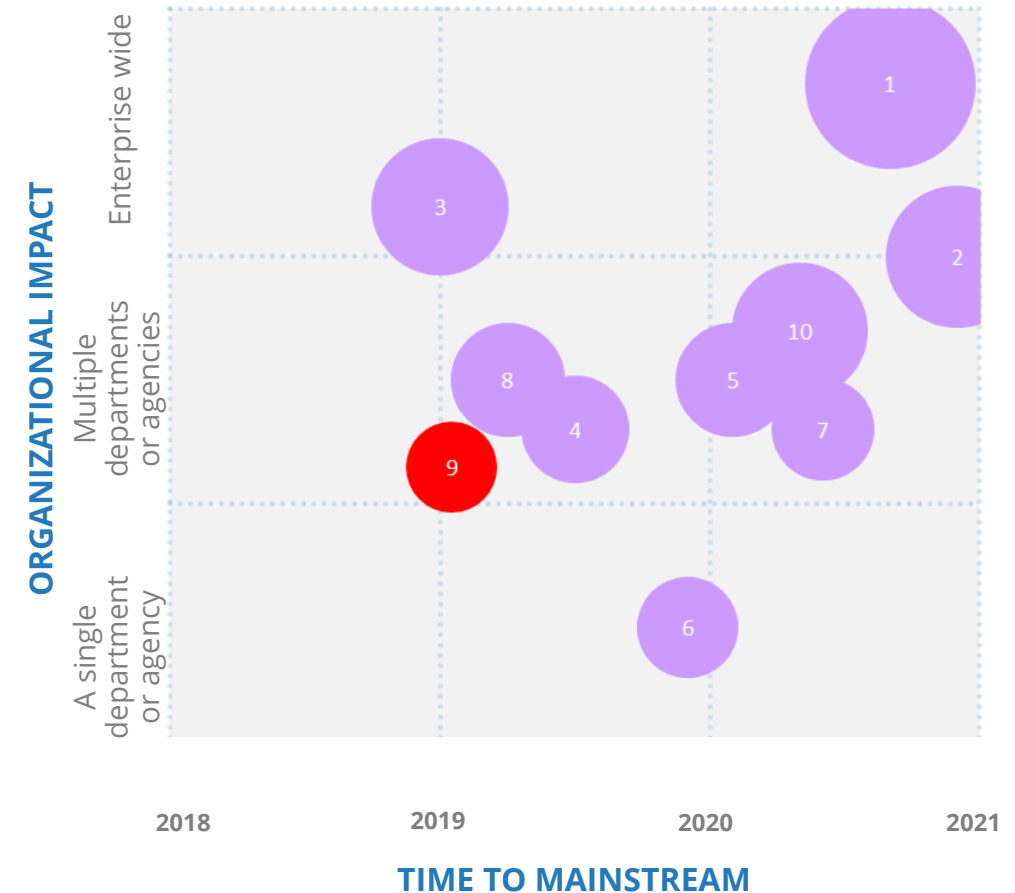
- Business units that are keen to turn data into commercial offerings must partner with IT and/or relevant ecosystem partners
- For many businesses and their managers, data monetization is a completely new business and skill set that requires learning and experimentation

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Successful external monetization of data will require not only the technical capability to aggregate, store, and process data, but also for packaging, pricing, and distribution, as well as understanding data sovereignty laws and privacy regulations.
- Seek partnerships with existing dedicated DaaS providers or preferred analytics and information management vendors
- Establishing a critical mass of external data feeds is a crucial ingredient for maximizing the accuracy and value of your AI-based digital services and solutions.

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- Supply and demand for the best talent will intensify the need to address labor, innovation speed, and compliance
- IT will need to take responsibility for creating an infrastructure that allows for the dissemination of information and training-related materials regarding low code/no code apps within the organization
- IT will need to mature processes for ensuring low code/no code apps comply with the organization's security and HR protocols

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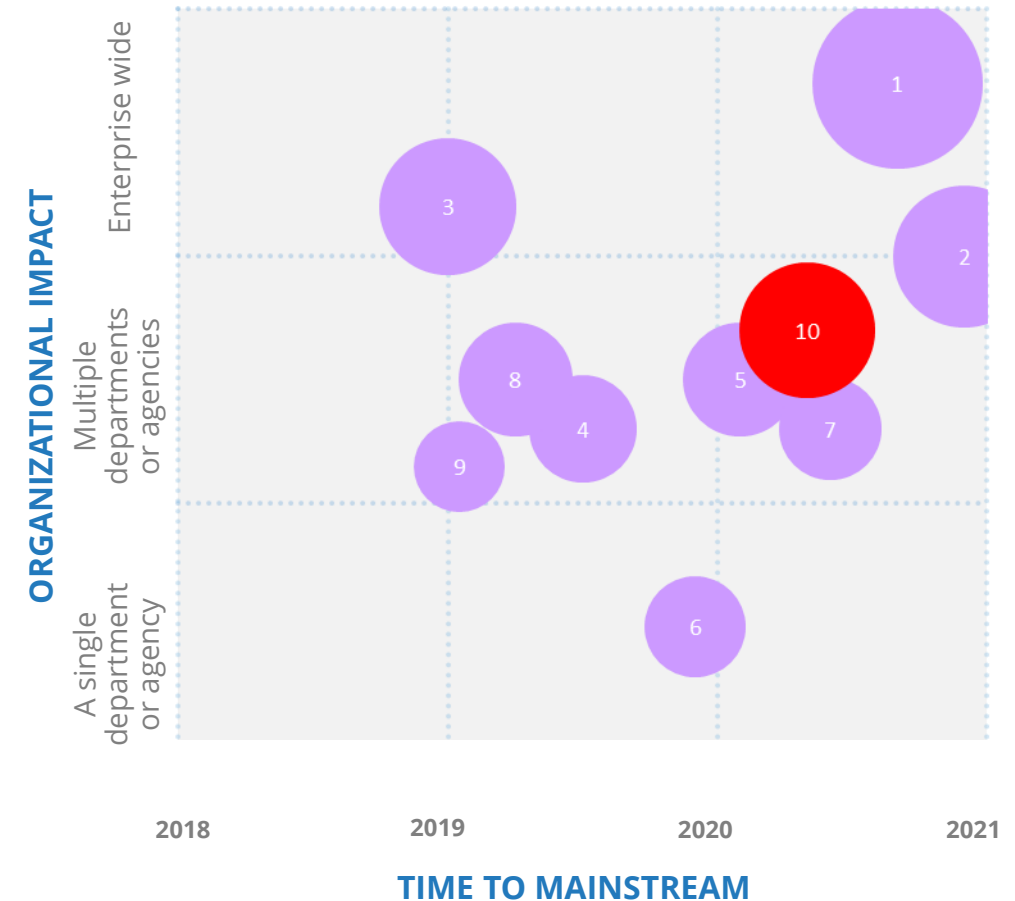
- Organizations will be able to meet situational business requirements and reduce time to market without involving IT (e.g., changing the layout of an app or report via drag-and-drop features or extending functionalities via third-party API – Application Programming Interface – calls)
- Organizations should ensure IT will take over ownership of a low-code/no code app once it reaches critical mass

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Integrate API-based data into low code/no code applications, particularly if the data originates from company databases and systems.
- Designate an application owner to govern best practices around usage for each low code/no code application.
- Define protocols and procedures for usage of low code/no code applications such as the number of concurrent users, role-based access privileges, identity and security

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IT Impact

- Developing a successful open API digital ecosystem is not a "project"; it is a new business mode
- API management solutions and platforms will be an essential new ingredient for supporting open API ecosystems

Business Impact

- External APIs will allow enterprises to accelerate their innovation by expanding their products and services
- Enterprises without aggressive, open API-based digital distribution strategies (and operations) will stunt their own growth

Guidance for Technology Buyers

- Building a successful API ecosystem requires strong internal processes and IT/digital platforms, and skills to understand how to incorporate
- APIs and innovations will go hand-in-hand for many organizations
- Partner with technology experts (consultants, ISVs, integrators) that understand the technologies and can speak to the industry language

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Abstract

This IDC study discusses our predictions that once again present a strategic blueprint for enterprises on their digital transformation (DX) journey, focusing on 10 key ingredients for becoming a digital-native enterprise. Six of these themes continue from last year but will show significant acceleration and evolution from 2018 and beyond. The other four predictions introduce critical new building blocks for becoming digital-native enterprises.

According to Frank Gens, IDC SVP and chief analyst, "In 2018, the key pieces of the 3rd Platform's second chapter will come together with even greater force, driving enterprises to multiply their digital innovation pace and scale through mastery of digital platforms, external digital developer communities, data-as-a-service (DaaS) marketplaces, expanding artificial intelligence (AI) services, blockchain as a service, new human-digital (HD) interfaces, and open API ecosystems."

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