Setting the Stage

Cisco and IDC partnered to understand the current and future market with respect to Digital Transformation (DX) adoption and network maturity. This IDC InfoBrief aims to summarize the results of this study and will help you take a forward step toward realizing your organization’s DX objectives.

Methodology

IDC surveyed 2,054 global respondents to establish current and planned levels of network readiness across five major network categories. The survey also gauged relative performance across key business metrics, pain points, and adoption of digital capabilities to provide a strong basis for peer comparisons. In addition, IDC interviewed 25 organizations to quantify how more advanced network capabilities are driving business benefits.

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Executive Summary

Digital Transformation (DX) is a reality

Simply put, DX is the approach by which enterprises drive changes in their business models and ecosystems by leveraging digital competencies.

2/3rds of organizations are stuck at stage 2 of their 5-stage DX journey.

45% of organizations globally, plan to have a digital-ready network within 2 years.

The primary obstacle to achieving greater maturity in digital transformation is technology and organizational readiness...

...including network readiness.
Why a Digital-Ready Network?

Most of today’s networks were designed to provide fast, reliable connectivity but not to meet the new demands that digital transformation will inevitably make on them.

A network that is truly digital-ready is a network that can dynamically align with the ever-changing needs of the enterprise, including new business relationships, technology innovations, applications, devices, services, threats, disruptions, regulations, environmental factors, and market influence.

Where to Start?

1. Understand your organization’s digital business roadmap, and the resulting network capabilities that it will require.

2. Assess how digital-ready your network is today and where it needs to be.

3. Plan your digital network journey to align to your business needs.
Where Are Customers On Their Digital Transformation (DX) Journey?

Digital Transformation (DX) is the approach by which enterprises drive changes in their business models and ecosystems by leveraging digital competencies.

Where are customers in their DX journeys today?
2/3 of companies are at stages 2 or 3 in their overall DX journey

What are their challenges?
The most difficult step for organizations is moving to stage 4 – Digital Transformer.
The primary obstacle is technology and organizational readiness, including network readiness.

Organizations With More Digital-Ready Networks...

...have 2-3x the number of digital capabilities

Organizations with More Mature Networks Deploy More Digital Capabilities

Average: 3.9
Stage 1: Best Effort: 2.9
Stage 2: Manual: 3.6
Stage 3: Semi-Automated: 4.4
Stage 4: Automated: 5.5
Stage 5: Self Driving: 7.0

Increasing Network Maturity

Business Outcome Improvements by Digital Network Readiness Stage

The 25 organizations interviewed were able to:

- Reduce the time to bring a new branch online by **52%**
- Reduce the time to market for new services by an average of **41%**
- Increase the percentage of network staff time allocated for new projects by an average of **239%**

### Business Outcome Improvements by Moving to the Next Digital Network Readiness Stage

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<th>Network Readiness Stage</th>
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<td>Reduced time to bring new branch on-line</td>
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<td>Reduced time to market for new products and services</td>
<td>5%</td>
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|  | Innovation | 1 to 2 | 2 to 3 | 3 to 4 | 4 to 5 |
|  | Reduced time keeping the lights on | 12%    | 18%    | 22%    | 76%    |
|  | Increased time for new initiatives | 159%   | 103%   | 49%    | 61%    |

| Customer experience |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|  |  |  |  |
| Increased performance of critical applications | 12% | 9% | 22% | 37% |

Network Infrastructure Annual Savings per User by Network Readiness Stage

The 25 organizations interviewed were able to:

- Reduce WAN telecom costs by an average of 21%, saving $61 per user per year.
- Reduce their costs associated with deployment, support, and management of network systems by 30%, saving $332 per user per year.

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Organizations With More Mature Networks...

The 25 organizations interviewed are achieving benefits of over $188K per 100 users per year by advancing their digital network readiness.

Stronger Digital Network Readiness Leads to Millions of Dollars in Benefits

- **Revenue Growth ($12.3M)**
  - 4%: Enablement of new services and applications
  - 21%: New customers
  - 32%: Security and risk mitigation
  - 43%: Faster time to market

- **Reduced Costs ($3.8M)**
  - 3%: Infrastructure
  - 12%: IT staff
  - 41%: Security and risk mitigation (lost productivity)
  - 44%: Improved business processes

(% Average annual benefit per organization)

How Can You Navigate Your Digital Network Journey?

**Digital Network Readiness Model**
5 Stages: From Best Effort to Self-Driving

1. **Where Are Your Peers**
   - Get your network ready for digital
   - IDC Digital Network Readiness Survey customer survey and research
   - Read Results

2. **Where Are You**
   - Map your own network readiness and next steps
   - Cisco DNA Readiness Advisor on-line self assessment
   - Take assessment

3. **Get Started**
   - Plan your journey
   - Cisco DNA Readiness Planner guided assessment and report
   - Request assessment

Source: Cisco Digital Network Architecture (Cisco DNA) Advisor Program
Why a Digital Network Readiness Model?

The evolution to a fully software-delivered architecture is a multi-faceted, multi-year journey, with multiple stakeholders.

**CIO**
Drive network platform as an enabler (not obstacle) for digital disruption

**IT/Network Architect**
Navigate network transformation journey aligned to business needs

**LOB**
Ensure digital initiatives can be implemented without delay

**CISO**
Ensure network security evolves to protect against emerging digital transformation risks
So What Does a Digital-Ready Network Entail?

Bringing disparate network trends and innovations together to support digital era needs

While also addressing the main networking concerns of IT leaders, including:

- Managing security risks
- Reducing operational complexity
- Supporting business initiatives

n = 2,054
Source: IDC’s Digital Network Readiness Survey, 2016
Where Are You On Your Digital Network Journey?

Jointly developed by Cisco and IDC, the Digital Network Readiness Model helps you identify where you are on your digital network journey.

The model covers five core network categories that drive DX success:
- Architecture
- Automation
- Security
- Service Assurance
- Analytics

From...
- Fragmented
- Manual
- Hardware-centric

... to
- Adaptive
- Automated
- Software-centric

Cisco Digital Network Readiness Model

Best Effort  Manual  Semi-Automated  Automated  Self-Driving

1  2  3  4  5
How Ready is Your Network Today? 
And Where do You Need to Be?

The Cisco Digital Network Readiness Model aims to help your IT planners and architects assess, plan and track their journey to a network that meets the emerging needs of the digital era. Identify your current network maturity – from Best Effort to Self-Driving, across the five core network categories.

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<td>End-to-end, hardware/device-centric</td>
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<td>Controller-based per-domain automated provisioning</td>
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<td>Security</td>
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Where are other Organizations on Their Digital Network Journey?

**Planned Network Readiness**
45% of large and midsize organizations worldwide plan to achieve advanced network readiness within two years.

**Segment Readiness**
Maturity levels are comparable across mid and large-sized organizations.

**Organizations intend to make their networks more digital-ready over the next 2 years**

- **63%** of global organizations are at stages 1 and 2 today.
- **14%** are at stages 4 & 5 today.
- **45%** Expect to achieve stages 4 or 5 in 2 years.

n = 2,054
Source: IDC’s Digital Network Readiness Survey, 2016
Where are other Organizations on Their Digital Network Journey?

Globally, organizations large and small are making their networks digital ready, fast.

3x growth in digital readiness over next 2 years.

Percentage of Organizations at Network Readiness Stages 4 and 5

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3x growth

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Expect to achieve stages 4 or 5 in 2 years

Worldwide, APJ, EMEA, Latin America, NA, Australia, China, India, Japan, France, Germany, UK, Mexico, United States.
Organizations’ Network Readiness Today Across 19 Subcategories

The 5 network categories depicted in the digital network readiness model are further divided into 19 subcategories.

Today, the least mature capability is cloud-ready networking and most mature is network-related regulatory compliance.

Source: IDC’s Digital Network Readiness Survey, 2016
n=2054 for all but Q7, 17, 18, 19 (n=512) and Q13 (n=1291)
Navigate Your Own Digital Network Journey

Learn more about how Cisco Digital Network Architecture (Cisco DNA) can help you. www.cisco.com/go/dna

Learn about the Digital Network Readiness Model

Read the IDC Digital Network Readiness White Papers

Get a Digital Network Readiness Assessment at the Cisco DNA Advisor Portal