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# Analyst's take on Full-Stack Observability

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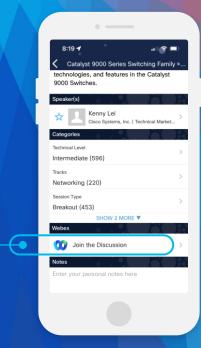
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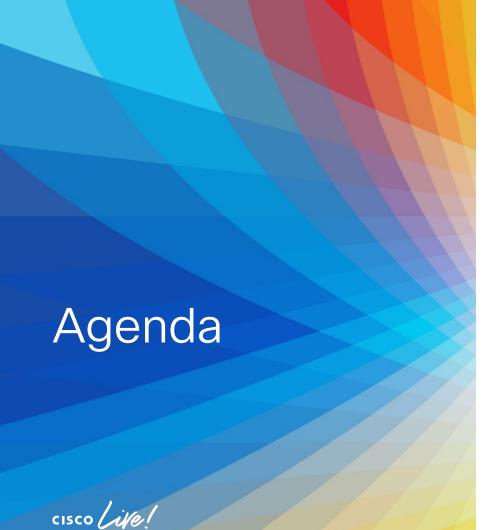
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### Survey Sample Demographics (n=2,062)

#### **Respondents per Country**

US	406
Canada	154
Mexico	105
Brazil	103
United Kingdom	262
France	157
Germany	154
Netherlands	101
India	152
Singapore	160
Japan	153
Australia	155





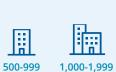
#### **Company Size**

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employees

20%





employees

30%



30%



19%

#### Knowledge/Authority

- Have monitoring/observability solutions
- Familiar with monitoring/observability solutions
- Decision maker or influences decisions for monitoring/observability solutions











11%

Vice President Director 16%

47%

Manager Contributor 23%

5%





### Executive Summary - top results, in a nutshell

- 40% of the respondents aligned their understanding of observability applied to monitoring as "tools and practices that enable the sharing of intelligence and insights across multiple IT teams"
- 75% said they spend a million or more, and of that 21% spend \$5 million or more, with 46% plan to increase their budget over the next two years. 42% plan to stay the same.
- 40% use 2-10 monitoring / observability tools, 28% 11-20 tools, and 18.5% 21-40 tool. 10% use 41-100 tools.
- 74% said data collection and correlation is difficult. 82% said it's difficult to deliver a flawless digital experience to internal employees and external business partners, 77% said the same for end customers.





### Executive Summary - What does it mean?

- Observability as a practice and set of capabilities requires a foundation based on data collection, analysis, and insights that can be shared in context across multiple IT and business teams.
- Spending is strong, and almost half of organizations plan to increase their budget over the next two years.
- Tool sprawl is real, but cost savings is not a top driver
- There's no material difference when delivering a flawless digital experience for employees, partners, or end-customers.





### Full Stack Observability Survey: Summary Focal Points

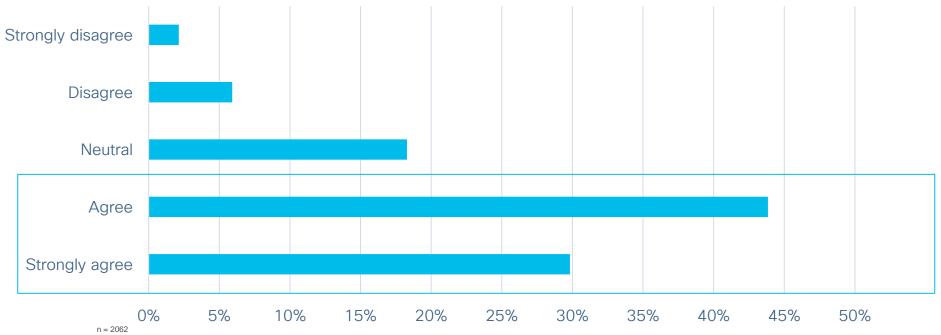
### Current State (1/5)

Observability well established as key tactical and strategic function with vital benefits, exec support, rising budgets.



### CEO and business leadership support Observability

My CEO and business leadership understand that complete visibility and control over infrastructure, network, applications, security, and digital experience is critical to digital business success - Considering your organization's approach to observability across infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience management, to what extent do you agree?



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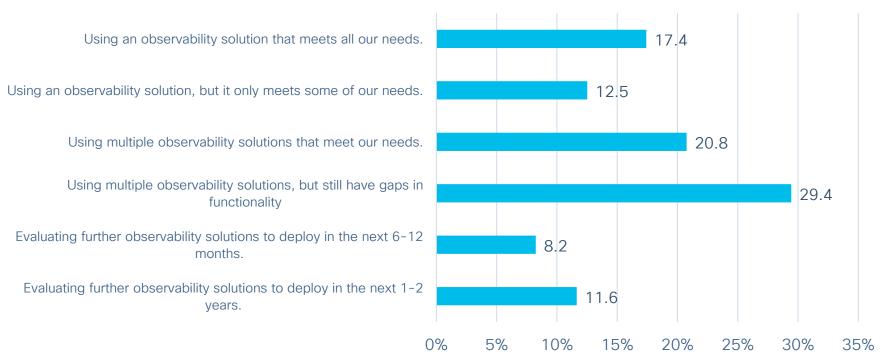
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#### 62% of organizations Admit to Observability Functionality Gaps

What is the state of observability within your organization?



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### What is Cisco Full-Stack Observability

#### **Full Stack Observability**

(FSO) is a requirement for business to deliver the most optimal and secure experience to users and applications.

Cisco Full-Stack Observability brings together data from multiple operations domains and derive real-time insights helping to:



Focus on what matters most: revenue, user experience, risk, costs



Minimize tool sprawl; and



Reduce time to resolution of incidents and performance issues;



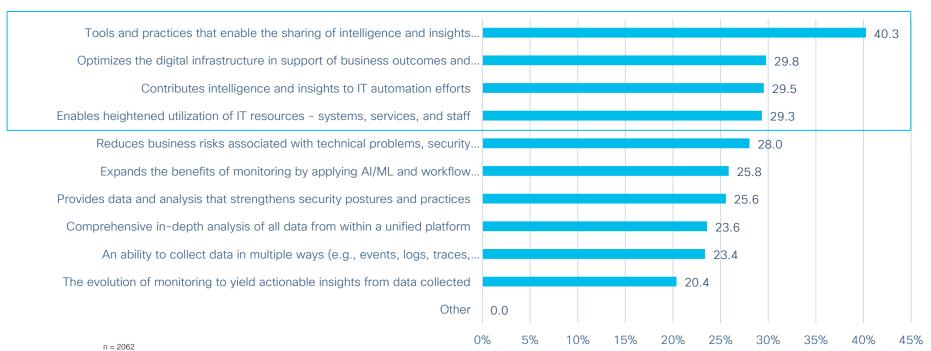
Break down silos by reducing friction among teams, typically infrastructure, security, applications, networking and cloud





### IT Unification, Optimization, and Automation Core to Observability

Which of the following best aligns with your understanding of observability applied to monitoring solutions?



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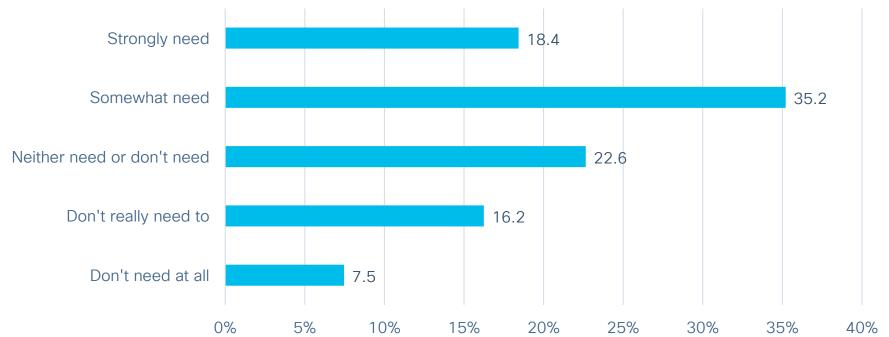
Observability seen as a primary tool in strengthening IT teamwork – with special emphasis on IT/Sec/Cloud Ops.





#### 53% of Organizations Need to Unify Observability **Across Teams**

How strongly does your organization need to unify observability across critical IT management domains such as infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience?



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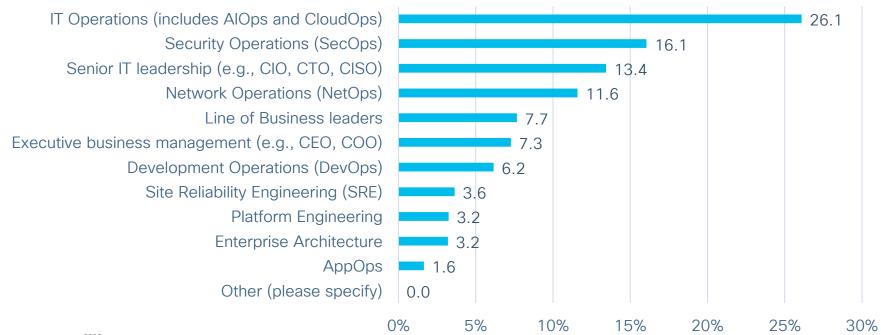
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#### IT Ops and SecOps Lead the Way for Observability Leadership, However Senior IT and Business Leaders Are Involved

Who should be responsible for establishing, controlling, and advancing observability efforts within your organization?



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### What one may consider as "full-stack"?

The teams / persona perspective

**Business** 

**User Experience** 

**Applications** 

Infrastructure

Network

Security

The application / dev / technology perspective

Data

API

Code

Library

Container

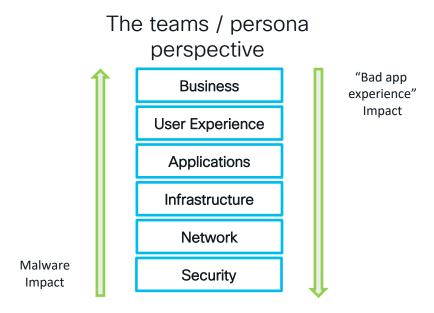
Orchestration

Muticloud

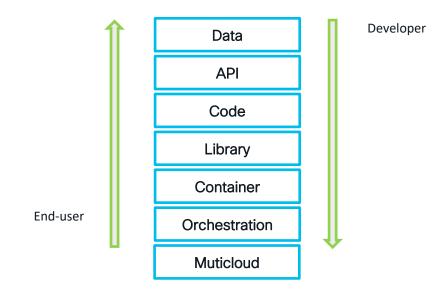


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### The "full-stack dichotomy"



"Full-stack" anchored on people, Impact driven by technology The application / dev / technology perspective



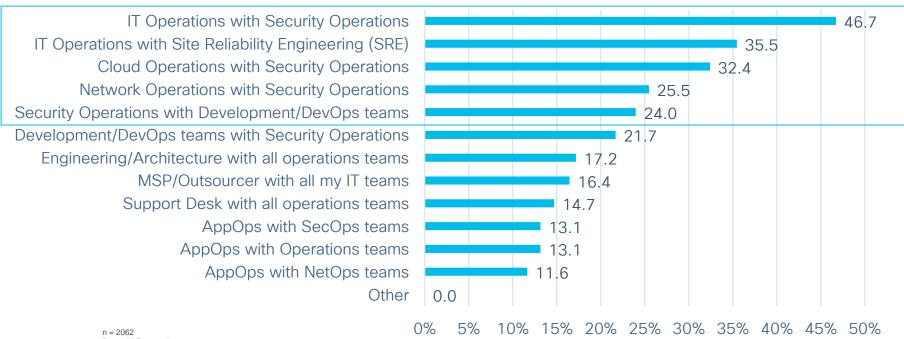
"Full-stack" anchored on technology, Impact is driven by people





# Increasing Collaboration with SecOps is a Key Value Proposition

Which combination of teams do you expect to improve their collaboration by using observability capabilities?



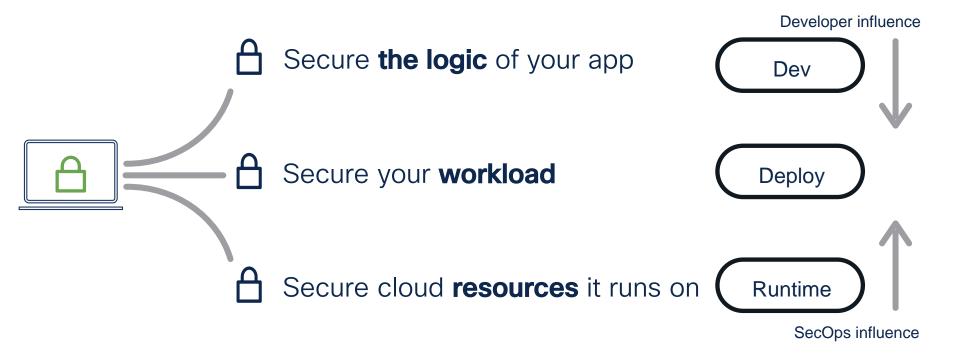
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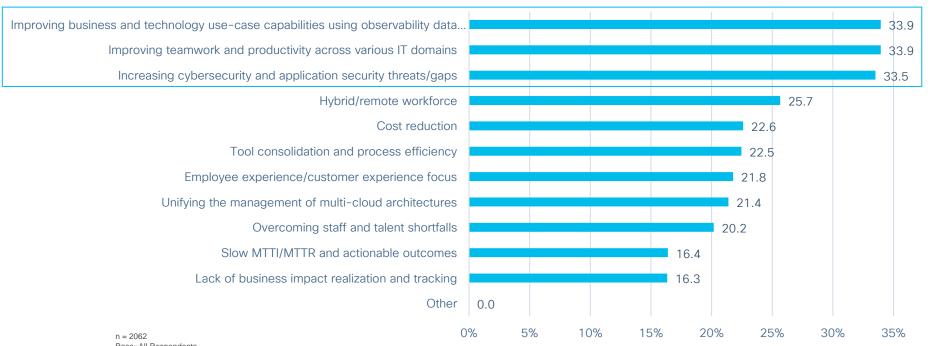
# Application Security and Observability convergence





#### Cost Reduction is not Necessarily a Driver to Unify Observability Across IT Teams

What is driving the need to unify observability across critical IT management domains such as infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience?



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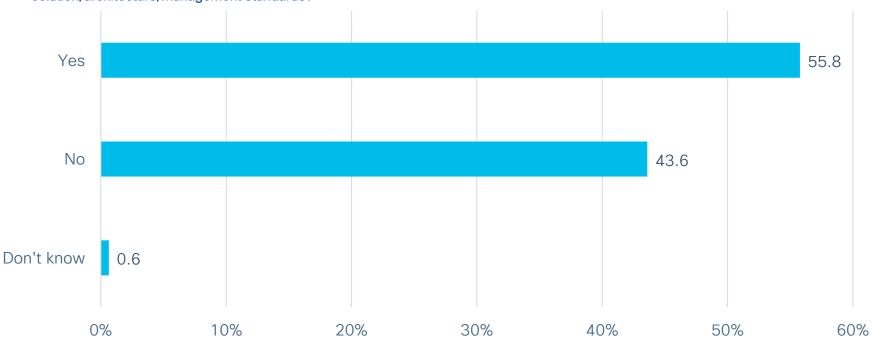
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### 56% of Organizations Have a Platform Engineering Team

Is your organization creating a platform engineering team to empower cross-IT team collaboration and/or solution/architecture/management standards?



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IT uses an abundance of observability tools... and management gaps persist.



#### Using Multiple Tools Creates Many Challenges, Leading with a High TCO



What are the biggest challenges of utilizing multiple monitoring/observability tools for managing infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience?



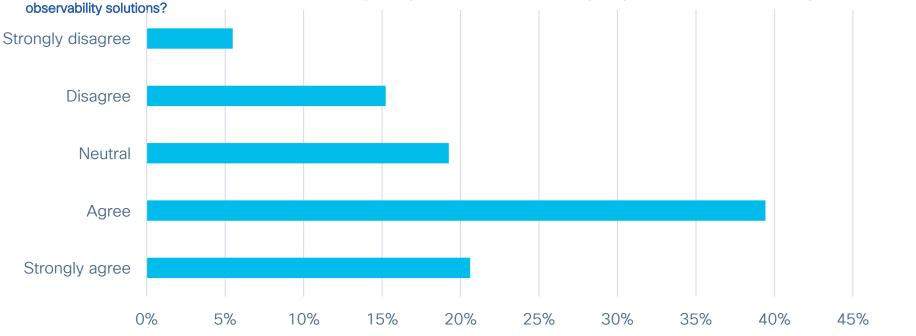
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### 60% said They Agree that Most Observability Tools Serve Narrow Requirements and Fail to enable a Complete Operating View

Most observability tools serve narrow requirements and fail to enable a complete view into current and trending operating conditions - In examining observability solutions adopted or to be adopted within your organization, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about



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### Team Collaboration, Automation, and Tool Convergence Are Leading Interests for Observability Adoption

In examining observability solutions adopted or to be adopted within your organization, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about observability practices?

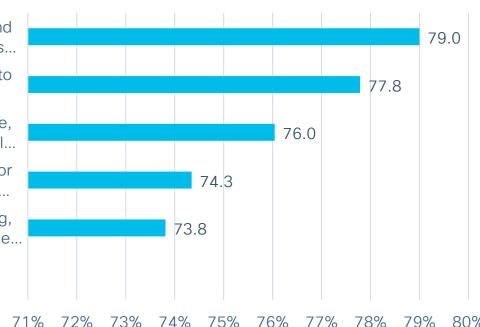
When IT teams use the same observability tools and share observability data across domains, it fosters...

Uses or plans to use observability data and insights to bolster our IT automation efforts.

Plans to converge previously siloed infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital...

We have a deep understanding and appreciation for how AI/ML-driven analytics can be employed to...

Lowering the cost of collecting, accessing, analyzing, and using data will give more organizations a chance...



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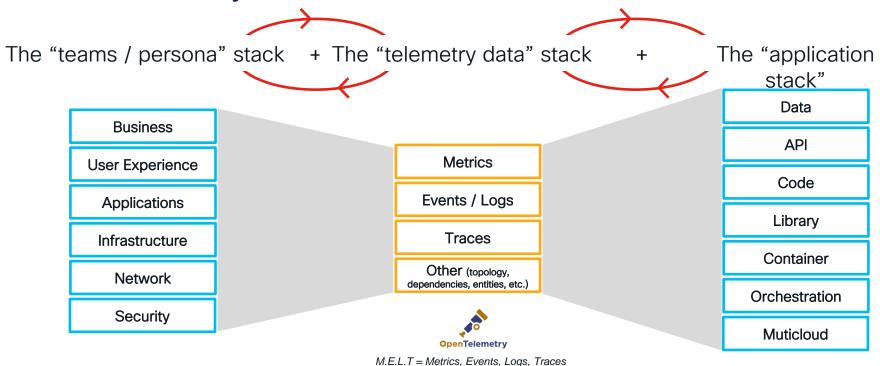
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## What is required to enable "full-stack observability"?







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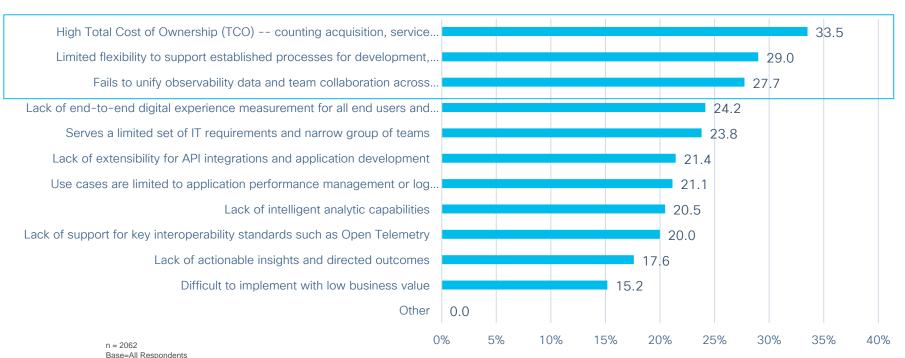
Significant problems: High TCO, Data access/use, IT productivity, Delayed resolution/mitigation efforts, limited flexibility, narrow use cases...





### Three Areas of Limitations Stand Out: High Costs, Process Support, and Data Unification and Team Access

What are the limitations of current observability solutions?



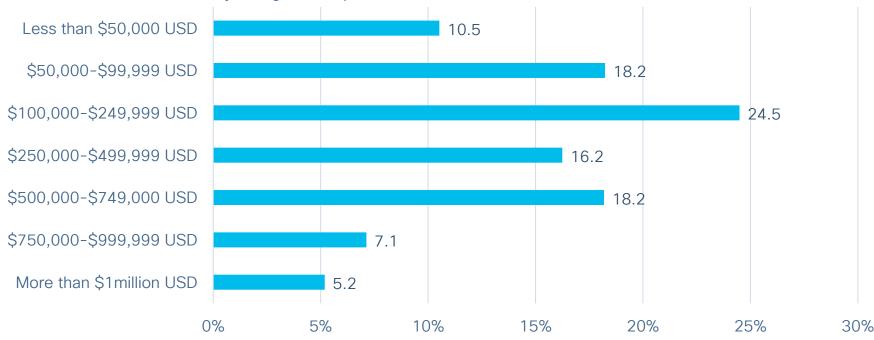
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### 41% have about \$250-\$500K as their average cost of an hour of downtime, 25% have it higher

How much is the cost of downtime for your organization per hour?



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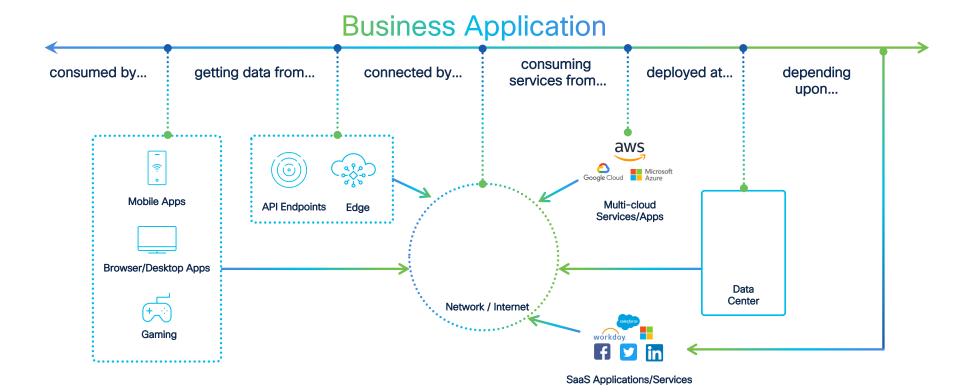
Significant problems: High TCO, Data access/use, IT productivity, Delayed resolution/mitigation efforts, limited flexibility, narrow use cases...

Customers positive perceptions in data collection/correlation, digital experience monitoring, and observability use and unity a mismatch to challenges, limitations, and expected returns. Raise the bar!





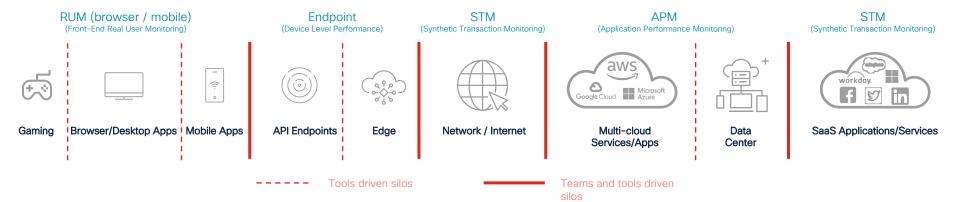
### Customer Digital Experience journey







### Customer Digital Experience Monitoring – without FSO



5 hours to triage and recover from an end-user experience incident!





#### Customer Digital Experience Monitoringwith Cisco FSO

< 15 min to triage and recover from the same incident!



#### **Customer Digital Experience Monitoring**

(Real-time, data-driven contextualized and correlated: RUM, session replay, synthetics, application dependency mapping, APM, root-cause analysis, etc.)



















Gaming

Browser/Desktop Apps Mobile Apps

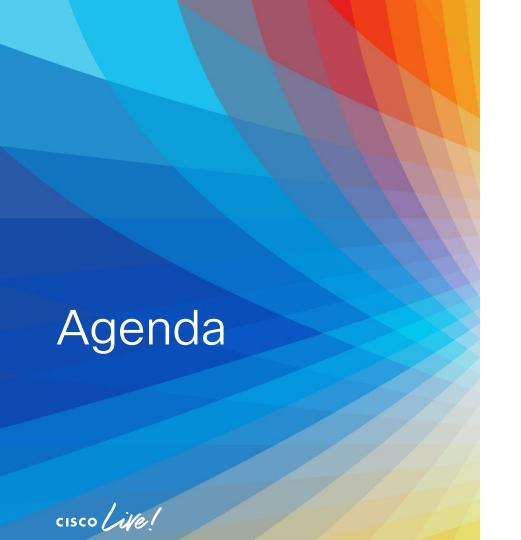
API Endpoints

Edge

Network / Internet

Multi-cloud Services/Apps Data Center SaaS Applications/Services





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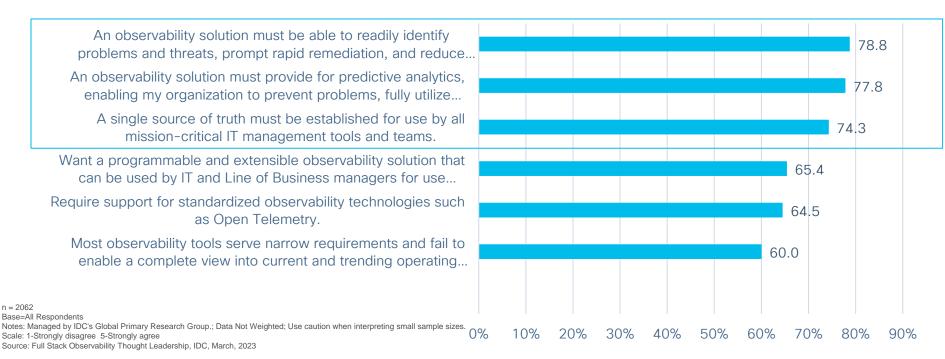
Intelligent analytics linked to precise automated actions. Building realization that AI/ML-driven analysis can drive big gains in service quality and staff productivity.





#### Observability Solutions Must Have Breath and Depth of Data Collection and Effective Analytics - Single Source of Truth

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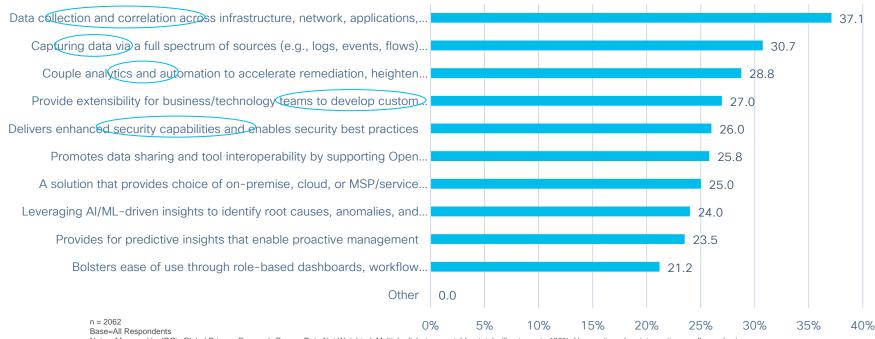






## Automation is Third on the List of Important Observability Attributes, Custom Use Cases Fourth, Security Fifth

What are the most important attributes of a comprehensive observability solution that unifies infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience measurement and management?

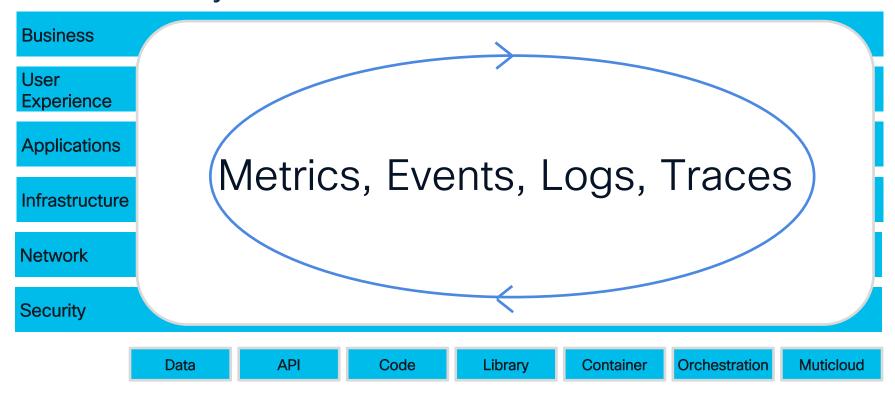


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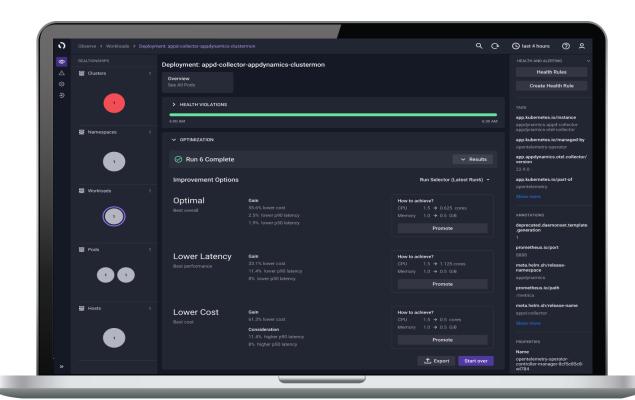


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#### Application Resource Optimizer by Cisco

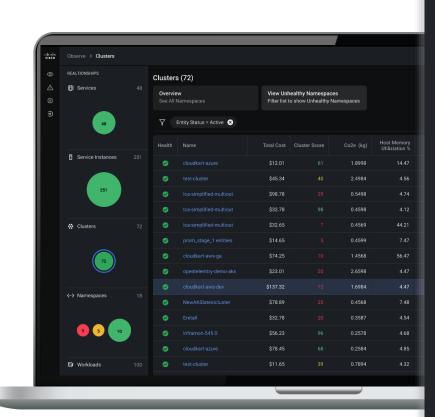
- Provide deeper insights into a Kubernetes workload and provide visibility into the workload's resource utilization
- Analyse and optimize application workloads to maximize resource usage and reduce excessive cloud spend

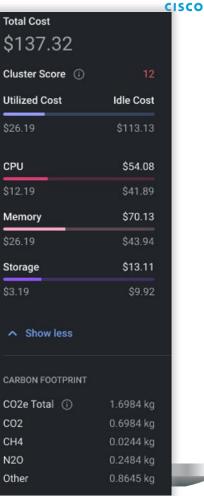




#### Cost Insights by Cisco

- Allocation vs Utilization
  - Compare allocation of resources to usage
  - Understand usage trends of Compute and Memory
  - Identify over-provisioned resources and saving opportunities
- Helping Customers become Sustainable
  - Granular visibility for customers to gauge their environmental impact
  - Identify workloads with high Co2 Impact with lower costs
  - Provide visible usage for ESG reporting
  - Ability to offset carbon footprint by optimizing resources





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Ready integration and extensibility viewed as valuable across IT AND the business





## Data and Extensibility Matter, So does Tool Consolidation and Platforms

Considering your organization's approach to observability across infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience management, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about IT solutions?

Prioritize intelligent analytics and directed automation to boost staff productivity and impact.

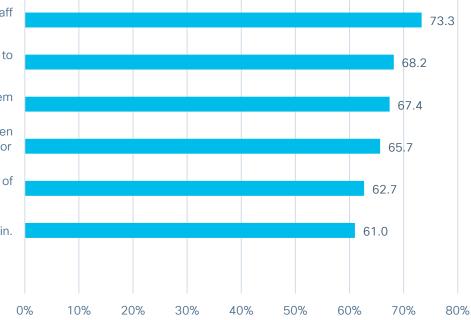
Plan to consolidate multiple operations tools to empower multiple teams to better collaborate to drive efficiency and effectiveness.

Will use observability services offered by MSPs, Outsourcers, and System Integrators.

Need an extensible and programmable observability platform to heighten collaboration with Line of Business managers and accelerate delivery for specific use cases.

Moving towards the use of technology platforms, and away from best of breed solutions.

Organization that has the most data is going to win.



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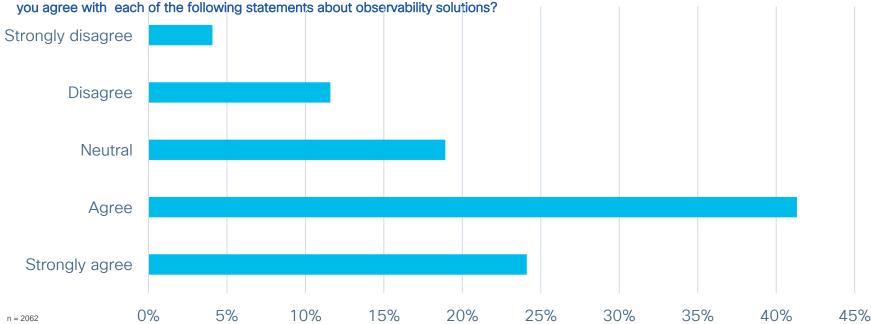
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### 65% Agree that a Programmable and Extensible Observability Solution Can be Used by IT and Business for Specific Use cases

Want a programmable and extensible observability solution that can be used by IT and Line of Business managers for use cases specific to our business and environment - In examining observability solutions adopted or to be adopted within your organization, to what extent do



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#### Cisco Full-Stack Observability scope

#### Observe

Enhance application performance, network intelligence and end user experience

#### Secure

Address application security with business risk observability

#### Optimize

Optimize resources, costs, and sustainability

#### Extend

Open and programmable, empowering a new observability ecosystem

#### Across the full-stack, tied to Business context





## Cisco Full-Stack Observability Architecture foundation

**Hybrid Cost** Application Partner Solutions & **Customer Digital** Optimization Security Custom use-cases **Experience Monitoring USE CASES & SOLUTIONS App Resource Hybrid Application Cloud Native Application** App Dependency Monitoring Monitorina Optimization Observability **BUSINESS CONTEXT Business Impact Business Risk Business Experience Business Operations Application Security** User Digital Experience **Applications** Multi Cloud **Applications** Network and **SERVICES** Performance Monitoring Internet Monitoring Monitoring and Action Monitoring (DEM) Resources Optimization Infrastructure and Cost Extensibility X - MELT | Advanced Traces | Advanced Correlation and Insights (Real Time and Predictive) | Transformation | AI/ML **PLATFORM** OpenTelemetry | Network Telemetry | Security Telemetry | Cloud Advanced Telemetry



#### Cisco FSO Platform - Apps and Modules (by Jun/2023)







**Cloud Native App** Observability Cisco

The world's leading observability solution

Learn more

For Cloud Native Application Observability



**AIOps** 

Cisco

Observe your Sphere environment across Center, hosts, VMs, pods, clusters. Kubernetes, etc.

Learn more

For Cloud Native Application Observability



**App Resource Optimizer** 

Cisco

Optimize your applications today. **Application Resource Optimizer detects** areas of improvement and facilitates your optimizations.

Learn more

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**Cost Insights** 

View insights into the cost of your IT operations across your entire stack.

Learn more

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Sustainability

Climatiq

Climatiq simplifies the process of calculating your environmental footprint.

Learn more

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**Evolutio Fintech** 



Evolutio

Monitor your credit card authorizations across the entirety of your payment processing infrastructure

Learn more

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**Cloud Forecaster** 

Kanari

Capacity planning - forecast your data using our proprietary machine learning models. See your risk factors.

Learn more

For Cloud Native Application Observability



vSphere Observability

CloudFabrix

Observe your Sphere environment across Center, hosts, VMs, pods, clusters. Kubernetes, etc.

Learn more





## Cisco FSO Platform Extensibility – Solution Package

A declarative collection of Cisco FSO platform components



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Equal emphasis on proactive and reactive management capabilities. Match to industry movement to predict, prevent, prescribe, and protect.



## Kanari Capacity Planner and Forecaster (by Kanari)



#### Overview

The Kanari Capacity Planner and Forecaster module provides forecasting on resource consumption based on historical data analysis to enable predictive analytics and capacity planning.

#### **Use Case**



Capacity Planning

#### **Data Sources**

- Ingest OTEL metric data to Cisco FSO platform
- Extract metric data from Cisco FSO to external Kanari ML facility
- Ingest OTEL ML output to Cisco FSO platform in the form of events with a "risk" factor (metric)

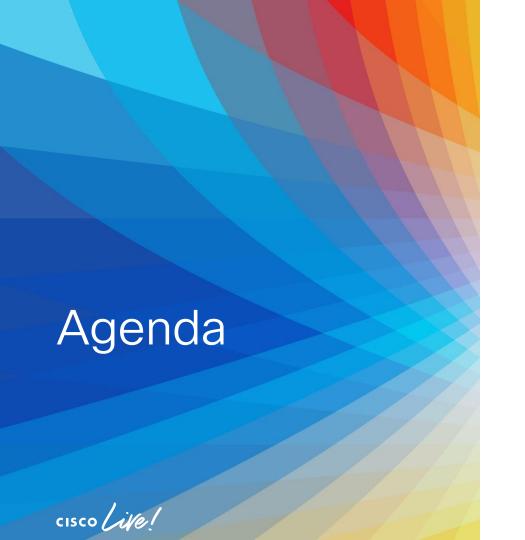
#### Customer Value

Customers can see time-series data associated with capacity planning

Customers can see forecasted events with risk factors that have been determined through predictive ML algorithms (ARIMA, SARIMA, LSTM)

Customers can view insights into capacity planning risk factors





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#### Strategies

High value assigned outcomes (vs tech capabilities) – Digital innovation, IT productivity, operational efficiency, Automation, Reduced business risk

Supplier role intensifying – Customization, Customer success, Technology innovation, Cloud/Multicloud management, Ecosystem

Observability is a hierarchical Top-Down capability within IT. ITOps drives use and unification. Heightening role for Security.

Operational responsibilities for observability spread rather equally across customer, MSP, and mix of both. For staff, automation,

Observability to increase influence over decision-making in IT and lines of business



security, and data skills grow.



#### Customers Want Deployment Options

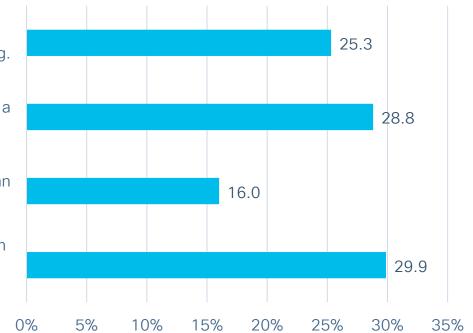
How does your organization prefer to utilize a monitoring/observability solution?

We prefer to deploy and operate an observability solution, either on premise or through a cloud offering.

We prefer to adopt an observability solution from a Managed Service Provider (MSP).

We prefer to adopt an observability solution from an Outsourcer.

We prefer to take a multi-modal approach and utilize an on-premises/cloud solution along with a MSP and/or outsourced solution.



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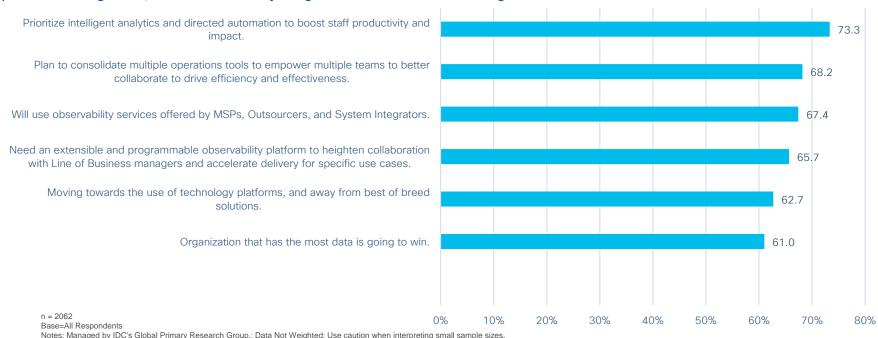
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## Automation/Analytics, Tool Consolidation, and MSP Solutions Are Driving Solution Discussions

Considering your organization's approach to observability across infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience management, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about IT solutions?



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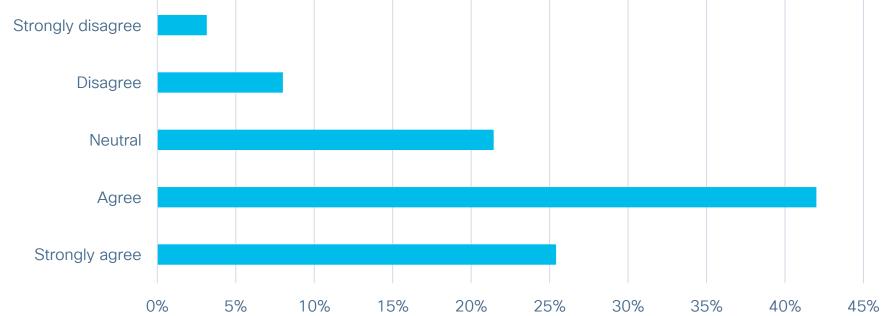
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## 67% Agree that MSPs, Outsourcers, and SIs are an Acceptable Approach for Observability Services

Will use observability services offered by MSPs, Outsourcers, and System Integrators - Considering your organization's approach to observability across infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience management, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about IT solutions?



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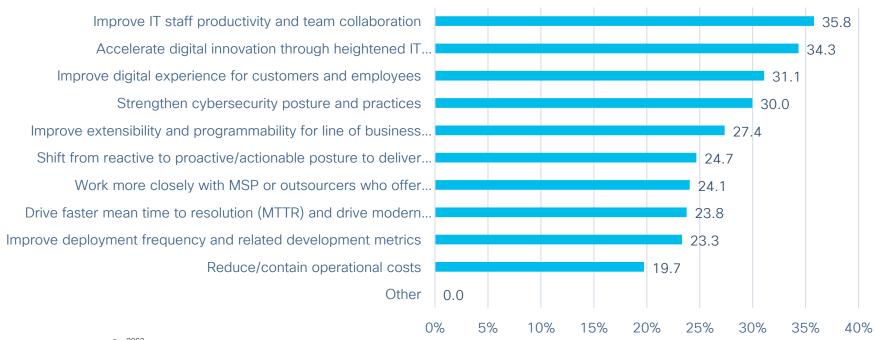
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#### Staff Productivity, Faster Response Times, Customer Experience, and Improved Cybersecurity Are leading Benefits

What are the biggest benefits when applying comprehensive observability capabilities to the management of infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience?



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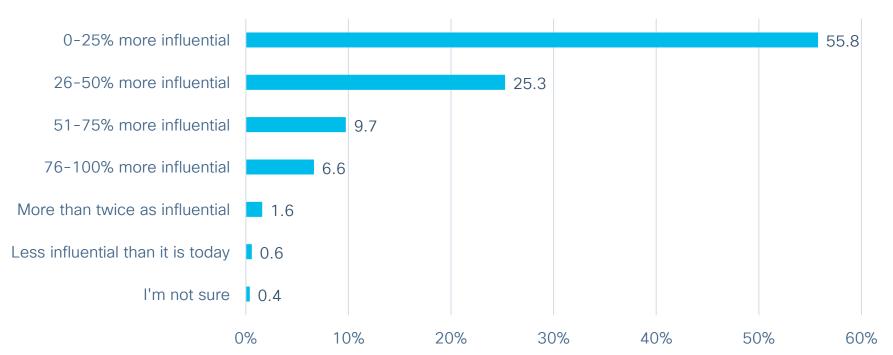
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## Security Influence is Expected to Grow with Observability Decisions Over the Next Two Years

In 2 years' time, how influential will observability be to your security decision-making compared to today?



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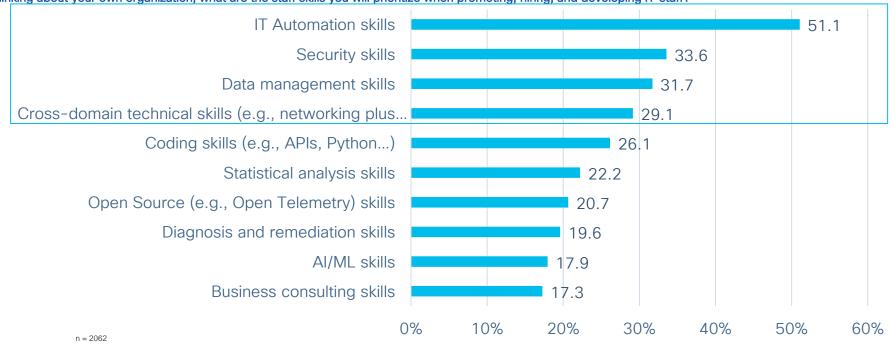
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#### Automation, Security, Data Management, and Cross Domain Skills Lead Observability Needs

Below are some observability-related technical skills needed for the management of infrastructure, network, applications, cybersecurity, and digital experience. Thinking about your own organization, what are the staff skills you will prioritize when promoting, hiring, and developing IT staff?



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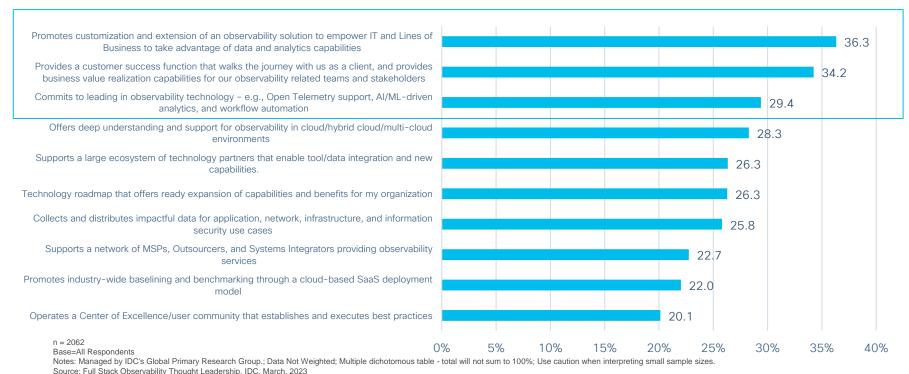
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## IT and Business "In-Context" Customization, Consultative sales approach with a Journey and Value centric Model, and Leading Technology for a multi- cloud World are Top Vendor Expectations

What are your top expectations for the vendor/provider of an observability solution?

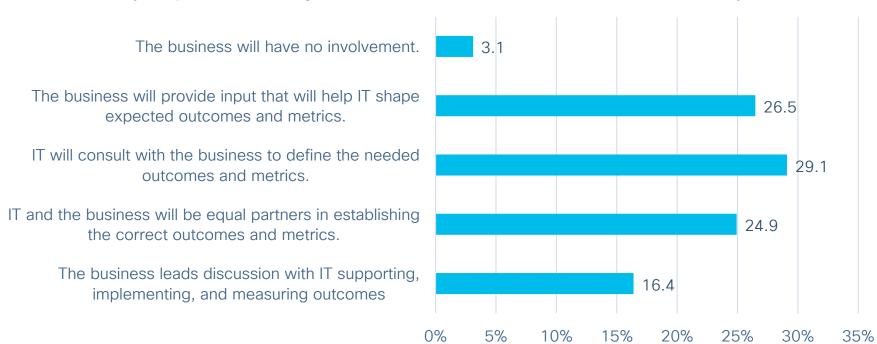






## 97% of Organizations Have Business Involvement of Some Type, 16% of the Time the Business Leads the Observability Outcomes Discussion

What involvement do you expect business managers and line of business executives to be involved with observability outcomes?



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#### Full Stack Observability Survey: Conclusion

Respondents looking to unify their data, analysis, actions, toolsets, practices, and teams to bolster operational excellence and digital business execution and innovation.

#### State

Observability well established as key tactical and strategic function with vital benefits, exec support, rising budgets.

Observability seen as a primary tool in strengthening IT teamwork – with special emphasis on IT/Sec/Cloud Ops.

IT uses an abundance of observability tools... and management gaps persist.

Significant problems: High TCO, Data access/use, IT productivity, Delayed resolution/mitigation efforts, limited flexibility, narrow use cases...

Customers positive perceptions in data collection/correlation, digital experience monitoring, and observability use and unity a mismatch to challenges, limitations, and expected returns. Raise the bar!

#### Solutions

Data. Data. Comprehensive sourcing, Complex correlation. Cross-org sharing. A focus on a single source of truth!

Intelligent analytics linked to precise automated actions. Building realization that AI/ML-driven analysis can drive big gains in service quality and staff productivity.

Ready integration and extensibility viewed as valuable across IT AND the business

Consolidation, convergence, and unification leads towards platforms vs best-of-breed solutions.

Equal emphasis on proactive and reactive management capabilities. Match to industry movement to predict, prevent, prescribe, and protect.

#### Strategies

High value assigned outcomes (vs tech capabilities) – Digital innovation, IT productivity, operational efficiency, Automation, Reduced business risk

Supplier role intensifying – Customization, Customer success, Technology innovation, Cloud/Multicloud management, Ecosystem

Observability is a hierarchical Top-Down capability within IT. ITOps drives use and unification. Heightening role for Security.

Operational responsibilities for observability spread rather equally across customer, MSP, and mix of both. For staff, automation, security, and data skills grow.

Observability to increase influence over decisionmaking in IT and lines of business



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