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## Three Key Technologies for Infrastructure Led Disruption

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Technical debt weighs heavy, and infrastructure is still perceived as a cost center that is not strategic. This research shows how AIOps, programmable infrastructure, and edge architectures can enable the I&O leader to lead with technology to transform the business.

### Key Findings

- AIOps is an evolving landscape, which must be adapted for both cloud and on-premises use cases.
- Connected data will further support implementing innovative solutions like programmable infrastructure to deliver intrinsic value to the business.
- I&O leaders are starting to view a data-centric future with a degree of fear.

### Recommendations

To accelerate infrastructure innovation and agility, I&O leaders should:

- Begin incorporating AIOps into I&O cost optimization plans.
- Find enablers to help move your environment towards a future-state of programmable infrastructure that increases your flexibility
- Come up with a coherent view of the IT infrastructure products, architecture, services, applications and infrastructure used for each edge use case.

### Introduction

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Digital footprints and new businesses are now materializing across the enterprise landscape. Business leaders are increasingly concerned about the risks of falling behind. I&O leaders should build and maintain a best-practice approach to policies be implemented in an iterative programlike fashion. I&O leaders need a roadmap understanding of how the IT resources and talent need to be replaced to drive business value as well as how the enterprise can use the long-term resources to drive business values. In this model, I&O leaders must operate strategically to capitalize on the technology-based growth opportunities provided by the market to usher in the sustainable business model.

The digital world is the devil's child. It is merciless, oppressive and full of dizzying life. It is accurate to say that agility is an elusive investment and a continually-changing product. I&O leaders must work to accelerate rapid-fire improvements. They must have an agile corporate transformation footprint, and event-oriented approach. It is crucial that I&O leaders have a demand-driven corporate transformation roadmap.

Develop more long-term strategies for infrastructure, adopting better information delivery and implementation. It is the critical ingredient that will win the wars in the future. Increasing change awareness through immersive consultations with business stakeholders. For infrastructure, change your mindset to recognize the dynamism in infrastructure. Lack of leadership support for this kind of process leaves organizations with many out-of-date and fragmented processes, technical debt, and limited scope for scaling. To catalyze business day-to-day work in the future, I&O leaders must create a business-oriented data culture.

Diverse groups of employees must be part of the team as well. Diversity is a powerful force that impacts the ability and willingness of individuals to meet the challenges of their organizations. Rich culture is a powerful force that impacts the ability and willingness of employees to meet the challenges of their organizations.

AIOps, programmable infrastructure, and edge are three enablers for infrastructure led disruption. These enablements dramatically alter how infrastructure is created, managed, provided and received. An effective use of these technologies will require that you take a strengthening approach to architectural consistency. In addition to a cloud-first strategy that takes the development model and management models into consideration, I&O leaders must ensure that the architecture is driven by a service delivery model that supports the application of power and flexibility.

**Table 1. Technology Enablers for Infrastructure Led Disruption**

Technology	Impact
AIOps	AIOps systems provide business value in the form of reduced operational costs and increased efficiency.
Programmable Infrastructure	In 2025, the infrastructure world will be software defined based on programmable infrastructure.
Edge	As traditional datacenters are closed, I&O leaders will increasingly manage infrastructure at the edge.

## Analysis

### AIOps

AIOps promises to turn operational data into proactive and automated systems. AIOps systems provide business value in the form of reduced operational costs and increased efficiency. I&O leaders who want to leverage AIOps for infrastructure-led disruption must focus on generating the necessary telemetry data, integrating cloud-based with legacy systems, and evolving AIOps skills and governance.

Some of the challenges that come with building an AIOps include:

- Cost
- Data quality
- Data model
- Integrating cloud and on-premises deployment architectures
- Vendor support

#### *Capture the Necessary Clean Telemetry Data*

To use AIOps for data center infrastructure, I&O leaders must be able to remember and acquire data and processes. Supported telemetry is a crucial support for an AIOps implementation. Collection of similar data can form the foundation of any AIOps implementation. To use AIOps for data center infrastructure, I&O leaders must develop new approaches for ensuring data quality and impacting client IT operations.

If their applications are not up to date, or their workloads are too complex, consider adding a datasource to get it. Managing these data sources requires you to improve the quality of data sources.

Data centers have often been grouped by areas in which data is stored. Therefore, the IT organization must develop and implement data center hybridization plans in all data centers, regardless of location

#### *Start with out-of-the box cloud solutions, then integrate with legacy systems*

AIOps should be used in all cloud-based IaaS infrastructure. I&O leaders will also need to start with out-of-the-box solutions.

Built in a data-driven environment will require the integration of legacy applications, enterprise assets, legacy administrative systems, predictive analytics services and other components. To use AIOps for data center infrastructure, I&O leaders must schedule, fund and integrate AIOps with centralized data center IT tools. I&O leaders must fully align data center management plans with other data center operations have

in the same type of organization. This will allow IT to select the appropriate elements that fit the organization's data center architecture.

This is an evolving landscape. Plan to adapt for both cloud and on-premises use cases. Embrace hybrid IT as a strength, while targeting a multiyear data development cycle that provides sufficient time to port and value. However, course correction will inevitably be required.

### *Evolve Skills and Governance*

Given the possible lack of an AI-sourced and developed framework for building AI-enhanced teams, I&O leaders should be aware that the requirement for AI technologies is not purely being constrained. The capacity to identify the relevant resources is also in scope, and he or she must acquire them. AI power users are not precisely yet here.

For example, a platform engineer must understand the operational data format, enterprise features, supporting platforms and supporting dependencies. All these situations can impact the collection of data, so I&O leaders must create a pattern for managing them.

Focus on the managerial issues, not on the digital footprint, as your team will indeed find that the digital footprint becomes a bigger hurdle. But focus on the things that are actually changed and improved in areas such as processes, asset

To use AIOps for data center infrastructure, I&O leaders must establish a data center management approach that emphasizes governance and governance teams.

### *Recommendations*

- Use data and analytics to both manage a wide array of business nonrelational requirements and provide true business impact.
- Develop a very broad understanding of business needs, business objectives and business outcomes to meet.
- You must be flexible enough to accept data and analytics development for in-development and operational use only in situations where it can be rapidly and profitably merged with other business solutions.
- Use data and analytics to help create business value using a combination of external sources and internal applications, such as cloud data services.
- Begin incorporating AIOps into their I&O cost optimization plans.

## **Programmable Infrastructure**

In 2025, the infrastructure world will be software defined based on programmable infrastructure. Programmable Infrastructure will enable software developers to develop multiarchitecture services that can limit the cost of whatever an acquiring organization needs. The technology means the setup of one architecture for all systems and software, and anything an individual might need to build at home or at work can be used by any IT organization.

- Programmable infrastructure is great for programmable users, and is decentralized technology, and therefore can act locally in your users' environments.
- It is great for centralized, siloed businesses, and it can serve as a gateway for newcomers to a large array of apps, such as cloud, hybrid, and native.

### *It's About The Programmers*

Infrastructure will be replaced with programmable infrastructure. Programmable infrastructure powered by Turing-machine-sharable API-like programming languages is a high-priority target of the encapsulation project. Programming languages will underpin the platform requirements. Examples of programming languages needed to implement programmable infrastructure include Python, Java, PHP, JavaScript, NodeJS and Scala. The key to a programmable infrastructure is the interoperability of language runtime environments.

### *Use Shared Technology Stacks*

Shared technological stacks are foundational elements of IP ecosystems. Shared technology stacks will lead to a common ecosystem as well as services, and they need to be centrally managed. Clients will need to consider their partners environs as well.

Programmable infrastructure will embrace the built-in capabilities and resources of the IT ecosystem,

Digital business is at the heart and reason for shared digital technology stacks. Connected data will further support implementing innovative solutions to deliver intrinsic value to the business. Moreover, the design of digital platforms on the IT ecosystem will also have a major impact on the success of the business. Shared digital platforms of choice will represent one way to have a robust, independent and autonomous global digital business.

**Table 2. Samples Programmable Infrastructure Vendors**

Vendor	Product
Amazon Web Services	
Alibaba Cloud	
Apache	Corda
Automattic	
Puppet Labs	Puppet
Redis Labs	Redis

### *Change Is Not Enough*

Replacing legacy infrastructure is not enough. Aim for transformation instead.

You will have to transform parts of the IT infrastructure that you have already owned or were managing , like the central IT and enterprise support services, network services, long-running member services, secure messaging and security applications, and cloud services is the change. Digital business initiatives that deliver the new business-centric, efficiently resource-based architecture, ecosystems and the culture of agility initiative that should span your existing enterprise and its ecosystem.

Where the enterprise is properly organized and accountable, ambition is proportionate to the risk of failure. Moreover, programmable infrastructure is a non-sharable infrastructure that can't be reduced to its runtime form. Hence, it is fragile in the sense that it may fail automatically.

### *Transformation Will Take Time*

Enterprises should not anticipate the changes to the core IT infrastructure as quickly as their old single-gated infrastructure. The central allegiance will not change immediately. Rather, it will take time before the set of leadership roles and responsibilities that belong to and exist within the core IT infrastructure become a new relationship. Only a high degree of change will be brought about if you delay transformation.

Also, you should learn about the basics of how your existing IT infrastructure is different from the current state. Then, do some simple listening and reassessment.

### *Recommendations:*

- Enablers can help you move your environment towards that future-state state, either by increasing your flexibility or by developing a per-user-cloud-deployment-centric infrastructure.
- It is only natural to develop proprietary architectures for programmable infrastructure, given that the time-to-market for proprietary architectures is likely to be well beyond 2025.

## **Edge**

As traditional datacenters are closed, I&O leaders will increasingly manage infrastructure at the edge. In 2025, I&O leaders responsible for managing infrastructure at the edge will not simply rely on the infrastructure used by an IoT platform. They will need to develop a digital vision that extends beyond the

premise of a single server or single device to the core of their business. This digital vision must define an ecosystem of partners, around which they can work with suppliers. It must define new business models that provide business value. It must provide a way to support multiple production environments and multiple customers.

### *Shift to a Data-Centric Environment*

Such a shift will require an agile and scalable approach to managing data at the data center, as well as an agile solution to manage the data at the network edge.

Thanks to the data-centric environment, IT leaders and developers are starting to view a data-centric future with a degree of fear. Given this kind of thinking, business analysts and development leaders must band together to define a clear roadmap/roadmap for data-centric directives, and devise partnerships or partnerships with data-centric organizations to advance it.

A continuing trend in the enterprise is the convergence of host-based, datacenter-based and telecom-based data services.

Data-revealing APIs provide a new way for business users to access data to advance business goals. Agile and scalable prototypes, e-discovery, and innovation have been shown to improve productivity by supporting a wide range of business uses. A direct benefit gain is possible for app developers if data access can be used as a way to accomplish business goals and manage data. For example, giving an up-to-date business context to your data is likely to mean that the data is more usable by downstream apps.

### *Managing Edge Infrastructure*

Operating at the edge will require customer-managed IT. Leverage local I&O organizations that have a good understanding of the ecosystem supports for IoT and IoT services. Negotiate broad partnerships that include both the traditional IT ecosystem and the ecosystem that extends across platforms and regulatory compliance. Ongoing integration with enterprise Web Apps will also require a devops-oriented model.

### *People and Skills*

Operating at the edge will require unskilled individuals to adapt to the convergence demands of the cloud, microdata centers, early smart cloud, hybrid cloud or existing IP systems. Unfortunately, in 2025, I&O leaders responsible for managing infrastructure at the edge will only have the capabilities and skills to execute at the center.

In response to this, we advise you to explore the I&O leadership ecosystem for teams that can answer the following questions:

- What are organizations that already come with similar hybrid IT and I&O requirements?
- Do hybrid IT capabilities and skills meet the same requirements?
- What are specialty I&O leaders to get to support?
- What are the organizations critical to take a lead on?

A talent acquisition strategy is critical for an agile team to achieve success. In secure-and-secure environments, a willingness to stay on top of security issues and a commitment to managing SaaS integrations with experts will bring this type of clear ownership. In tight corporate networks, this will show through your collaboration with in-house security planning.

These gaps can be solved by having an architecturally simple quality assurance plan that incorporates all aspects of the end-user events face. A framework that is clearly defined and standardized will help you to support awareness and support agreements.

### *Recommendations:*

- Identifying potential business partners, and define the digital partnerships and channel engagement
- Come up with a coherent view of the IT infrastructure products, architecture, services, applications and infrastructure used for each edge use case.

- Work with the business to refocus your organization on the right technology indicators to determine the compromise across all segments.
  - Distribute and improve enterprise IT security and foundational rules to implement security roles, such as API administration, identity and access management, monitoring, and time-sensitive application management; such as cloud service management and CI/CD.
  - Plan for change.
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