

Stop Transforming, Start Evolving

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What is a Digital Transformation?



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Digital transformation is the rewiring of an organization, with the goal of creating value by continuously deploying TECH at SCALE. A clear digital transformation strategy focused on specific domains and enabled by a set of specific capabilities is critical for organizations to not only compete but survive. Digital transformations are not a one-and-done project; most executives will be on this journey for the rest of their careers.

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Reflect on Your **Digital Transformation**





How Many Digital
Transformations Have
You Been Part Of?

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1

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3

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Agile Transformation

Human Interaction



Process compliance 💎









DevOps Transformation

Holistic Cooperation



Tools adoption 💎







Al Transformation

Human potential enhanced



Massive human replacement 💎







Has Anyone Ever Seen a

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Digital Transformation?



91% of companies are undergoing DX.

\$2.5 trillion invested globally (2024).

75% of employees feel unequipped.

84% of initiatives fail entirely.

70% don't meet expectations.



Only 7% report real improvement.



The truth about

Digital Transformation.







Why Do Digital Transformations Keep Failing?







This talk is paired with the

Forge of Unicorns

and its

mini-series about Digital

Transformation Failures.



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The five killers of your Digital Transformations

These are the most common pitfalls – avoid them at all costs!

- 1 Resistance to Change, Lack of Talent
- 2 Failure to Translate Economic Objectives into Tactical Goals
- 3 Underestimating the Importance of DX
- 4 No Change Management Strategy
- 5 Underestimating Costs



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1 Resistance to Change, Lack of Talent

The Cultural Roadblock: Innovation Dies Without Generative Leadership



Culture eats Digital Transformation for breakfast.

1 People, Not Just Technology: companies focus only on tech and neglect their people.

2 Cultural Resistance: Pathological and bureaucratic cultures* destroy psychological safety.

3 Talent Drain: In non-generative environments, top talent leaves, leaving companies ill-equipped to evolve.



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How to Fix it building a Generative Culture

- 1 Organizations must create an environment where employees feel safe to innovate and fail.
- 2 Collaborative continuous active learning, like a dojo, helps organizations build high-performance teams and a generative culture.
- 3 HR shift gears by implementing **DevX programs** that reward top talents, positioning them as role models within the organization.





Failure to Translate Economic Objectives into Tactical Goals

The Disconnect: Strategy Without Execution



Strategy Meets Reality: Where the Disconnect Happens

1 Big Goal, No Execution: board goals without tactical, day-to-day actions needed to achieve them.

2 Failure to Bridge the Gap: Leaders fail to communicate the business strategy effectively to the.

3 The Strategy Black Hole: teams struggle to turn high-level goals into actionable, trackable steps.



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How to Fix it with Behavioral Engineering

1 Organizations must break down high-level goals into specific,

measurable tactical steps that teams can execute and track.

2 OKR combined with KBI* close the gap between strategic intent and operational action, reshaping the organization's behavior.

3 Leaders' coaching fosters team autonomy to translate strategy into aligned, actionable goals.





3 Underestimating the Importance of DX

The Foundation of Survival in the Digital Age



Underestimating DX Will Kill Your Company

1 Short-Term Thinking: DX as a "nice-to-have" rather than an essential part of their survival and future growth.

2 Failure to Prioritize: DX is deprioritized and treated as a secondary goal, leading to fragmented efforts.

3 Misaligned Investment: Leaders underinvest in DX, failing to recognize its role in long-term competitiveness.



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How to Fix it making DX a strategic imperative

- 1 DX as a Core to Business Survival to remain competitive.
- 2 Invest in Long-Term DX Programs balancing technology, people, and processes evolution.
- 3 DX is a core part of your Business Strategy, ensuring every part of the organization is **aligned** with the vision for digital evolution.





4 No Change Management Strategy

The Missing Behavioral Key to Lasting Transformation



Ignoring Change Management Triggers Human Sabotage

1 Over-Focus on Technology: Ignoring the human side of

transformation leads to resistance.

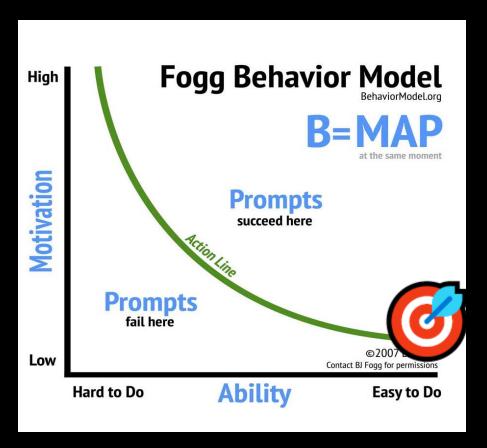
2 Lack of Purpose: Without a clear "why," teams feel disengaged and disconnected.

Resistance Across the Board: Employees and leadership push back due to lack of *change management*.



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What is Change Management?

A Behavioral Perspective

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The *structured approach* to transitioning individuals, teams, and organizations from a current state to a **desired future state**.

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How to Fix it shifting social behaviors

- Treat change management as a **core element** of the transformation process, not an afterthought.
- Support employees with continuous active learning through a dojo, helping them embrace new ways of working.
- 3 Leaders should act as role models, uniting teams by communicating the vision, managing resistance, and inspiring commitment.





5 Underestimate the costs

The Financial Pitfall That Derails Transformations



The High Price of Underestimating Costs

1 Short-Term Budgeting: Plan for a quick, one-time transformation but overlook long-term investment needs.

2 Hidden Costs and Technical Debt: Overlooked expenses, such as infrastructure, upskilling, and technical debt, escalate costs.

3 Strain on Daily Operations: Managing transformation alongside regular operations increases demands on resources and budgets.



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How to Fix it budgeting for DNA-Level Evolution

- 1 Identify not only technology costs but especially human upskilling needs and related change coordination efforts.
- 2 Budget long-term evolution, with flexibility to support adaptation, scaling, and ongoing transformation.
- 3 Avoid costly one-size-fits-all frameworks; tailor the approach to meet unique organizational needs.







Welcome behavioral engineering





Unicorn's Ecosystem

Foundation for Holistic **Evolution**







Unicorns' Ecosystem: Nurturing Organizational Evolution

- 1 Bonsai Philosophy for Human micro behavioral change.
- 2 Behavioral Engineering applied to socio-technical system.
- 3 1% daily behavioral change to evolve organization's DNA.
- 4 KBIs and OKRs to align tactical behaviors with strategic goals.







Unicorns Ecosystem in a nutshell



- Organization Assessment
- SW Craftsmanship Dojo®
- OKR + Leadership Dojo
- Product Dojos + Portfolio Modernization

★ Agility Dojo

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Lesson Learned

Perpetual Digital Disruption



Behavioral Engineered Data-Driven Approach = Easy Decision

Ikigai philosophy = fuels passion, creativity, and well-being



Conclusion...





Thank You All!

But before we take leave we have an announcement.











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