

Continuous Delivery Thriving in the age of VUCA



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What is the Problem we're trying to solve?

The rate of change is actually accelerating and that alters the logic by which we need to operate.

Forbes

V olatility

U ncertainty

C omplexity

Mbiguity



What is our Current Condition?







Key Takeaways

- ✓ Unanimous recognition that digital competence is essential to achieving strategic goals.
- ✓ Many interdependent communities of practice with similar/shared principles and goals are often competing and sub-optimizing.
 - These communities are <u>NOT</u> collaborating.



Countermeasures

Hint: the answer is not just more technology . . .



Principles for the High-Performance Learning Organization

- 1. Superlative Customer Value and Experience
- 2. Optimal Flow of Value and Knowledge
- 3. Culture of Continuous Improvement
- 4. Data-driven Problem Solving and Decision Making
- 5. Data Integrity and Actionability
- 6. Innovation by Leveraging Uncertainty while Mitigating Risk
- 7. Generative Leadership

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1. Superlative Customer Value & Experience

Omnichannel Experience

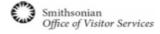


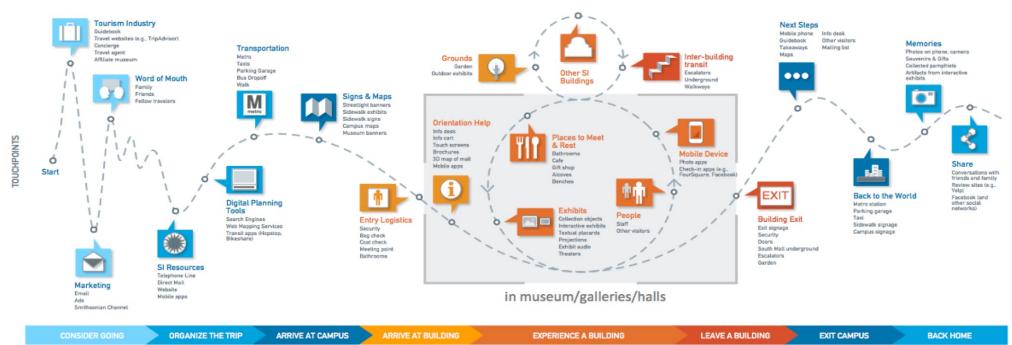
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1. Superlative Customer Value and Experience



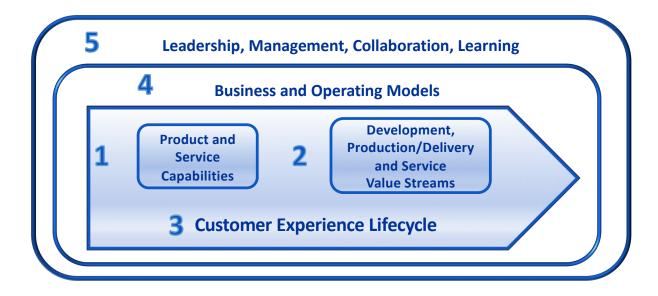




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2. Optimal Flow of Value and Knowledge

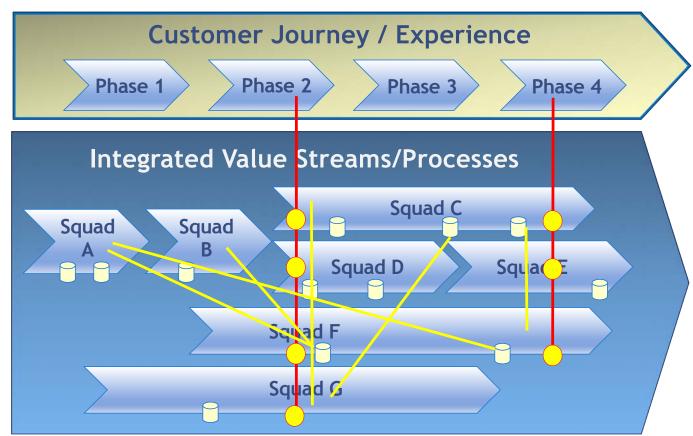


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2. Optimal Flow of Value and Knowledge



Product Focused Team





3. Culture of Continuous Improvement

Improving...

- the culture for learning
- the capabilities for learning
- the physical environment for learning





4. Data-Driven Problem Solving and Decision Making

Dynamic Deterministic

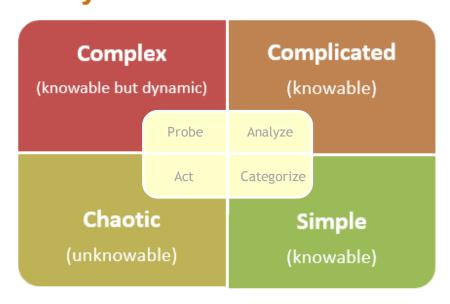


Image source: Cynefin framework



5. Data Integrity and Actionability

Gemba

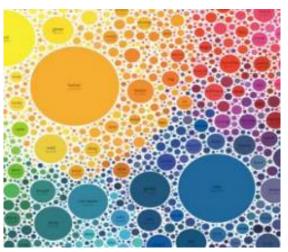
Direct Observation and Experience





Virtual Gemba

Discovering hidden patterns and relationships in Data Volume, Velocity and Variety





5. Data Integrity and Actionability

Integrity

- Quality (clear, correct, complete, consistent)
- Relevant
- Timely
- Context & Scale
- Secure

Actionability

- Discoverable
- Accessible
- Usable
- Capable



6. Innovation by Leveraging Uncertainty while Mitigating Risk

✓ Strategy has become more emergent, collaborative and Bayesian.

Saul Kaplan

✓ Key to successful innovation: rapid, low cost, data-driven experimentation, coupled with

enterprise-wide

omnidirectional learning.

Design

Test



7. Generative Leadership

Gen·er·ate (verb)

To create, to cause something to come about

COGNITIVE DIVERSITY

OPPOSITIONAL

Cautious
Controlling
Flexible
Hierarchical
Reasoned
Resistant

GENERATIVE

Curious
Encouraging
Experimental
Forceful
Inquiring
Nurturing

DEFENSIVE

Cautious
Conforming
Controlling
Directive
Hierarchical
Resistant

UNIFORM

Appreciative
Considered
Controlling
Competitive
Flexible
Hierarchical

Low — High

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY

The Two Traits of the Best Problem-Solving Teams

Source: Alison Reynolds and David Lewis, HBR, April 2, 2018

