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Ecosystem & Partner-Led Digital Transformation Playbook

Building transformation capability with partners deliberately, instead of trying to build everything internally

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Overview

A framework for ecosystem and partner-led digital transformation — deliberately leveraging external partners, vendors, and ecosystem relationships to accelerate transformation capability that would take much longer to build entirely in-house, while maintaining genuine strategic control over the transformation direction.

Doesn't relying on external partners for transformation mean losing

strategic control? Not if partnership is approached deliberately — the framework below distinguishes capabilities worth building internally for strategic control from those better accelerated through partnership, rather than treating "internal vs. partner" as an all-or-

nothing choice.

How do we choose which partners to build ecosystem relationships

with? Based on genuine complementary capability and cultural fit for ongoing collaboration, not just lowest-cost vendor selection — a transformation partnership is a longer-term relationship, not a one-time procurement decision.

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