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Retail & E-Commerce Digital Transformation Playbook

Unifying the shopping experience across channels instead of running separate digital and physical businesses

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Overview

A framework for retail and e-commerce digital transformation that genuinely unifies the customer experience, inventory, and operations across online and physical channels, rather than treating digital and physical retail as separate businesses with separate systems and separate customer relationships.

How is this different from the general Customer Experience &

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