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Digital Transformation Benchmarking & External Best-Practice Adoption Playbook

Learning from other organizations' transformation without copying decisions that only made sense in their context

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Overview

A framework for digital transformation benchmarking and external best-practice adoption that extracts genuinely transferable lessons from other organizations' transformation experience, while explicitly assessing which specific practices depend on context that doesn't transfer, rather than importing best practices wholesale without evaluating their applicability.

What's wrong with directly adopting a well-documented best practice

from a successful transformation elsewhere? Many transformation practices work well specifically because of contextual factors — organizational culture, existing technology maturity, market conditions — that don't transfer directly. Adopting the practice without the underlying context that made it work can produce disappointing results despite faithful implementation.

How do we tell which parts of a benchmark are genuinely

transferable versus context-dependent? By explicitly analyzing what made the practice work in its original context, and honestly assessing whether your organization shares those specific enabling conditions — covered in the framework below, rather than assuming success elsewhere implies transferability.

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