



EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Embrace Change: 4 Ways to Prepare for What's Next

Change has
seemed like the
only constant in
recent months.



Organizations large and small have been meeting the demand for hybrid work and learning environments, omnichannel delivery of goods and services, and a seemingly constant flurry of financial curveballs. These challenges have highlighted, like never before, the need for an agile infrastructure and a culture ready to embrace change.

For many IT leaders, the foundation for agility resides in the cloud. Moving processes, applications, security, and other functions into public, private, or hybrid clouds not only extends access to dispersed teams, it also provides flexibility and dexterity to IT, allowing you to quickly do more with less from decentralized locations.

As the move to cloud continues, and your teams are tasked to do more with the same budgets, how can IT drive and support the change needed to enable the digital workplace of today and the future?

A foundation for agility

The move to a digital workplace requires your organization's technology infrastructure to have a robust, secure, and strong foundation. Whatever your company's size, most likely you are searching for ways to minimize the time you spend on the mundane and maximize resources spent on digital innovation, like new services, products, and capabilities.

With a cloud-based network platform, your manufacturing business will have the agility needed to make this shift.





Manage assets to succeed with change.

Asset tracking remains a challenge for the many manufacturers with limited visibility into how assets are actually being used, which creates unnecessary expenses and lost productivity time. By embracing automation and modernization in your asset management, you can drive better outcomes, such as a reduction in loss and shrinkage, improved efficiency and productivity, maximized yield, and enhanced profitability.

Adding predictive analytics into your asset management can further boost productivity.

In fact, predictive maintenance reduces machine downtime an average of 30% to 50%, and increases machine life between 20% and 40%, according to McKinsey & Co¹.

1 McKinsey & Co., "[Manufacturing: Analytics unleashes profitability and productivity](#)"

**Here's a look at how the ABCs
of agility can future-proof your
asset management.**



Automation can slash up to 95% of the time spent on housekeeping tasks like troubleshooting the network, liberating your team of IT professionals to focus on proactive programs².

For example, automating maintenance schedules based on actual tool use and wear will provide new efficiencies for your operations.

² Gartner, [“What’s Changed: Gartner’s 2017 Magic Quadrant for Wired and Wireless LAN Access Infrastructure”](#)

A **broad ecosystem** of partners—third-party software developers, system integrators, consultants, value-added resellers, and more—enables you to quickly meet needs for new services, such as real-time location insights into people and assets to increase personnel health and safety, ensure social distancing guidelines are being met, and remotely monitor environmental conditions.



Configuration can be secure and replicable, with monitoring conducted via a single pane of glass. If you need to rapidly scale with demand surges and workload shifts, you can quickly turn up new devices to keep your assets monitored with minimal time required from your team.



Data analytics turn legacy problems into new efficiencies by illustrating asset utilization peaks and valleys, enabling proactive bottleneck identification, and exposing inefficiencies related to underused assets. You then can leverage these vast data sets to fuel insights that lighten the load on your IT team, dramatically improve business outcomes, and enhance customer, user, and employee experiences. This also gives you insight into the future, empowering you to anticipate, prepare for, and embrace what's next.



**With agility at the center of asset management,
you'll lead your manufacturing company into a new
era of automation, simplicity, and analytics.**



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