



# Leading Your County's Digital Transformation

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# Your Most Connected Devices

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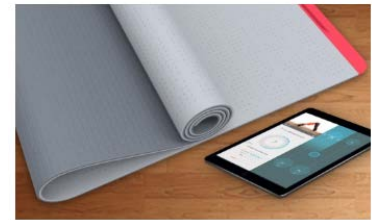
Smart Light Bulbs



Edyn  
Garden sensor



SmartMat  
Intelligent Yoga Mat



Ring Camera  
with Echo



LG Refrigerator



Mr. Coffee  
Smart Coffeemaker



Nest Thermostat  
Smart Thermostat



In.Sight  
Wireless baby monitor



Wallflower  
Smart Plug







# Digital Transformation in Real Life



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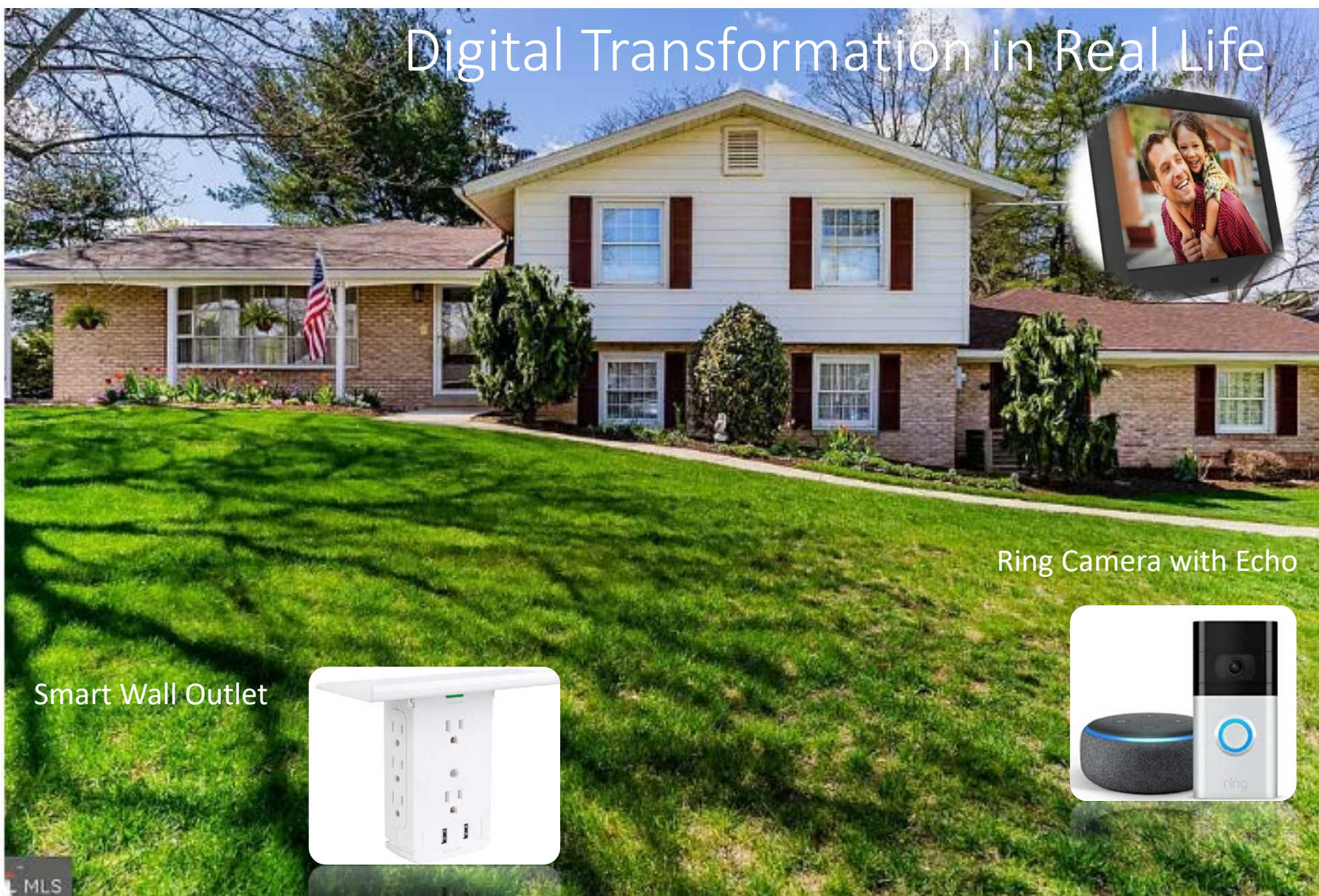
Digital Transformation in Real Life

Transformation is defined by change  
You don't always control the speed  
Transformation tests and challenges you!

- We were comfortable
- We had our home exactly the way we wanted it
- But....grandkids enticed us back
- And it didn't take long once we decided!



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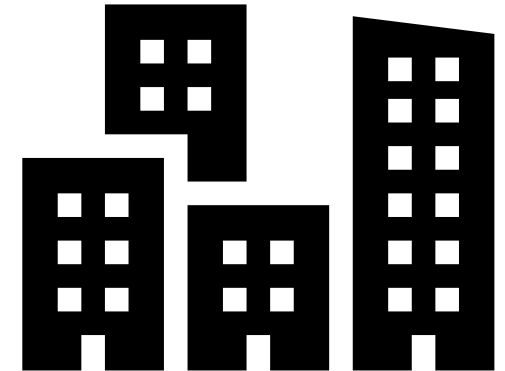
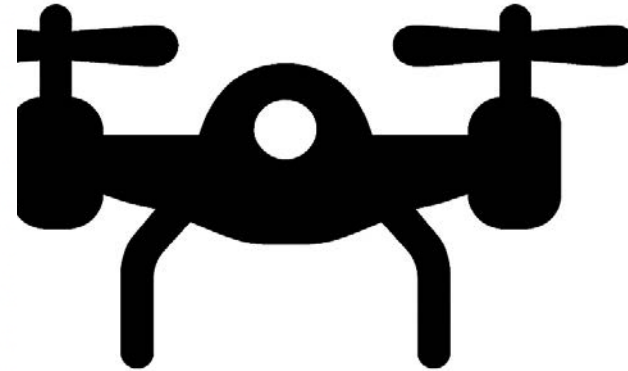
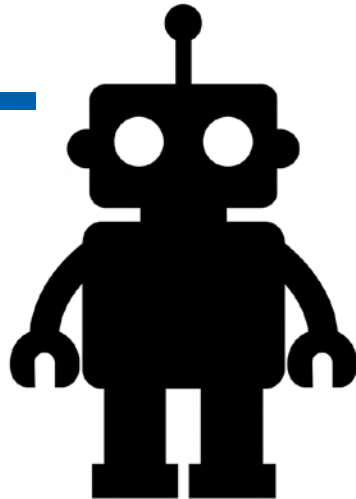


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What has changed in your organization (over the past three years) because of technology?

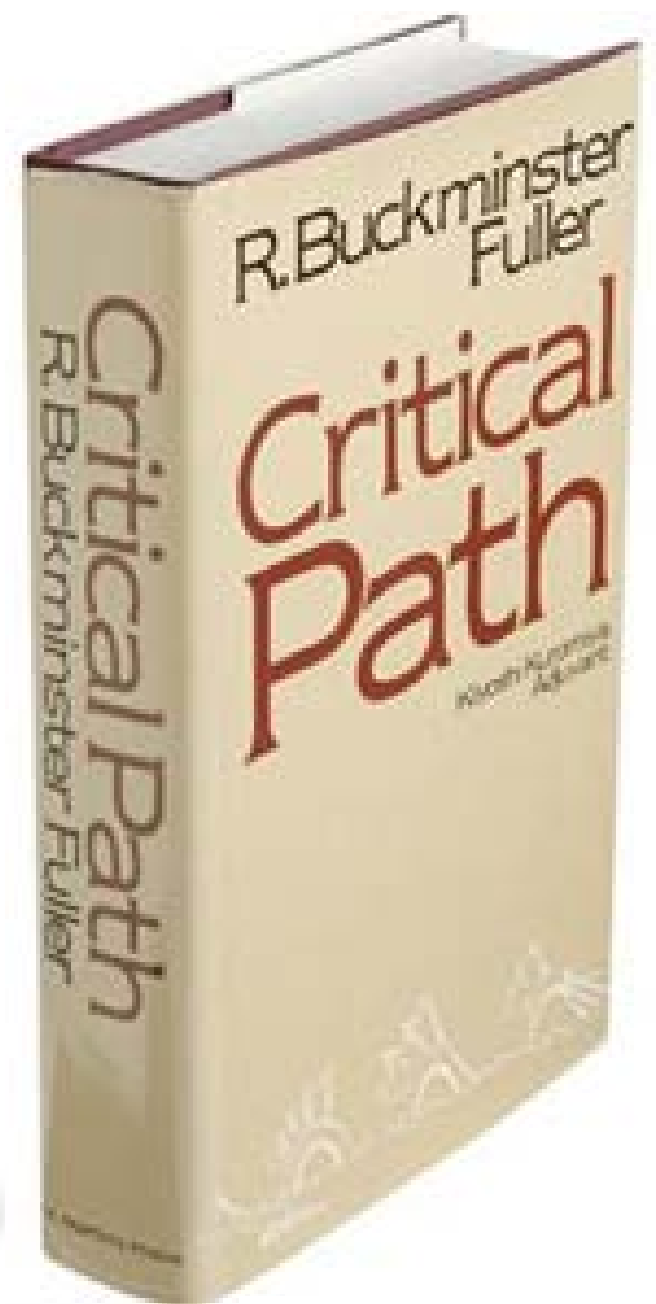
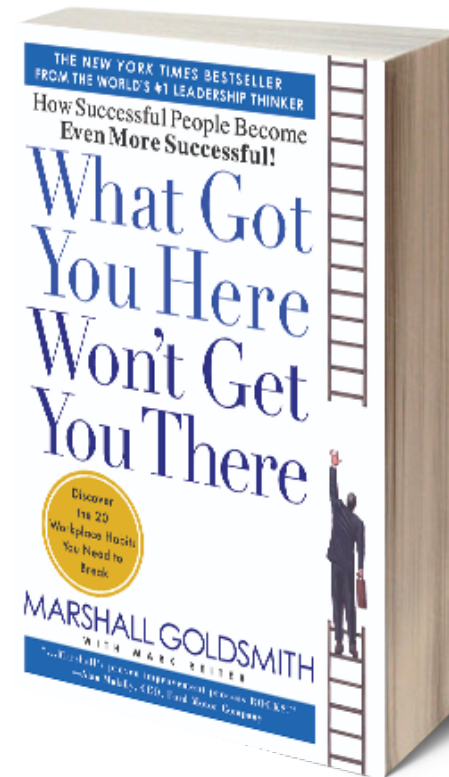
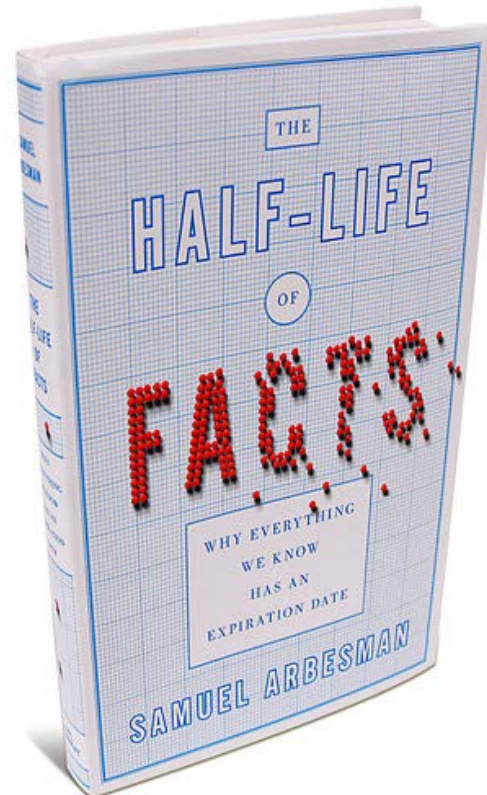
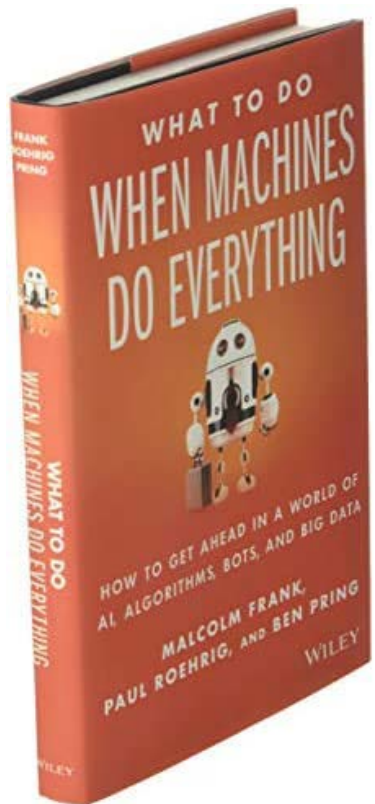
What is one change benefiting your customers and one change benefiting your employees?

What is one change that is a challenge for your organization?



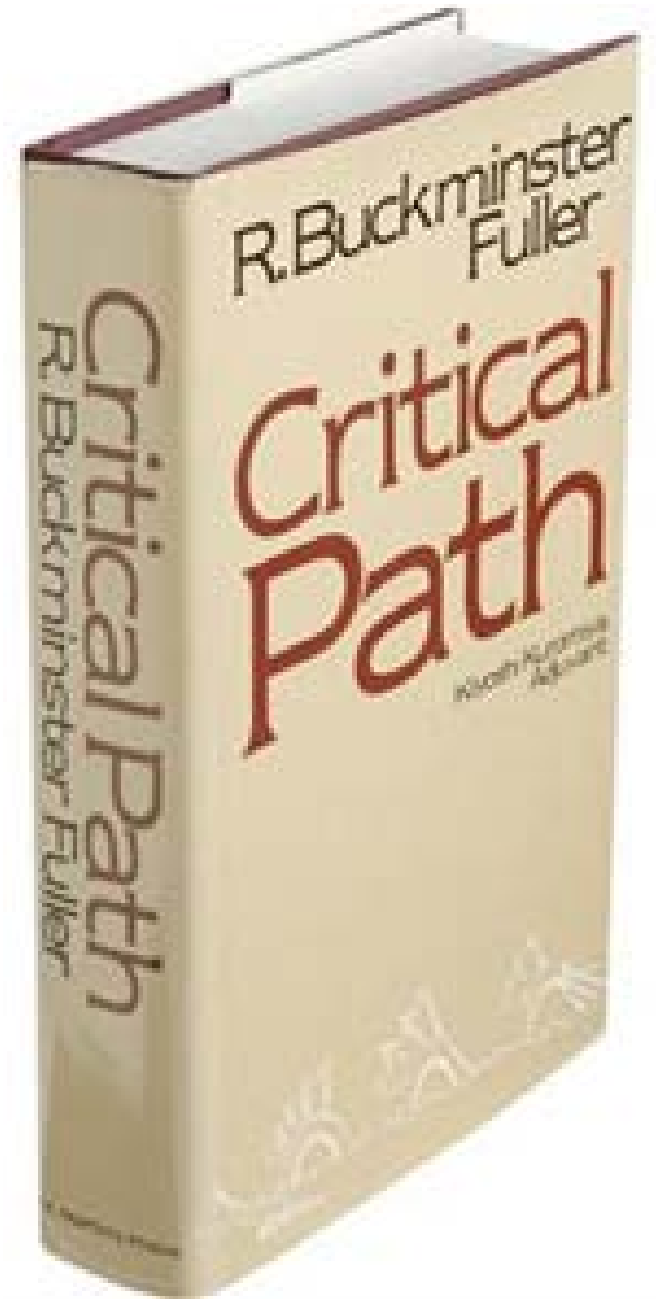
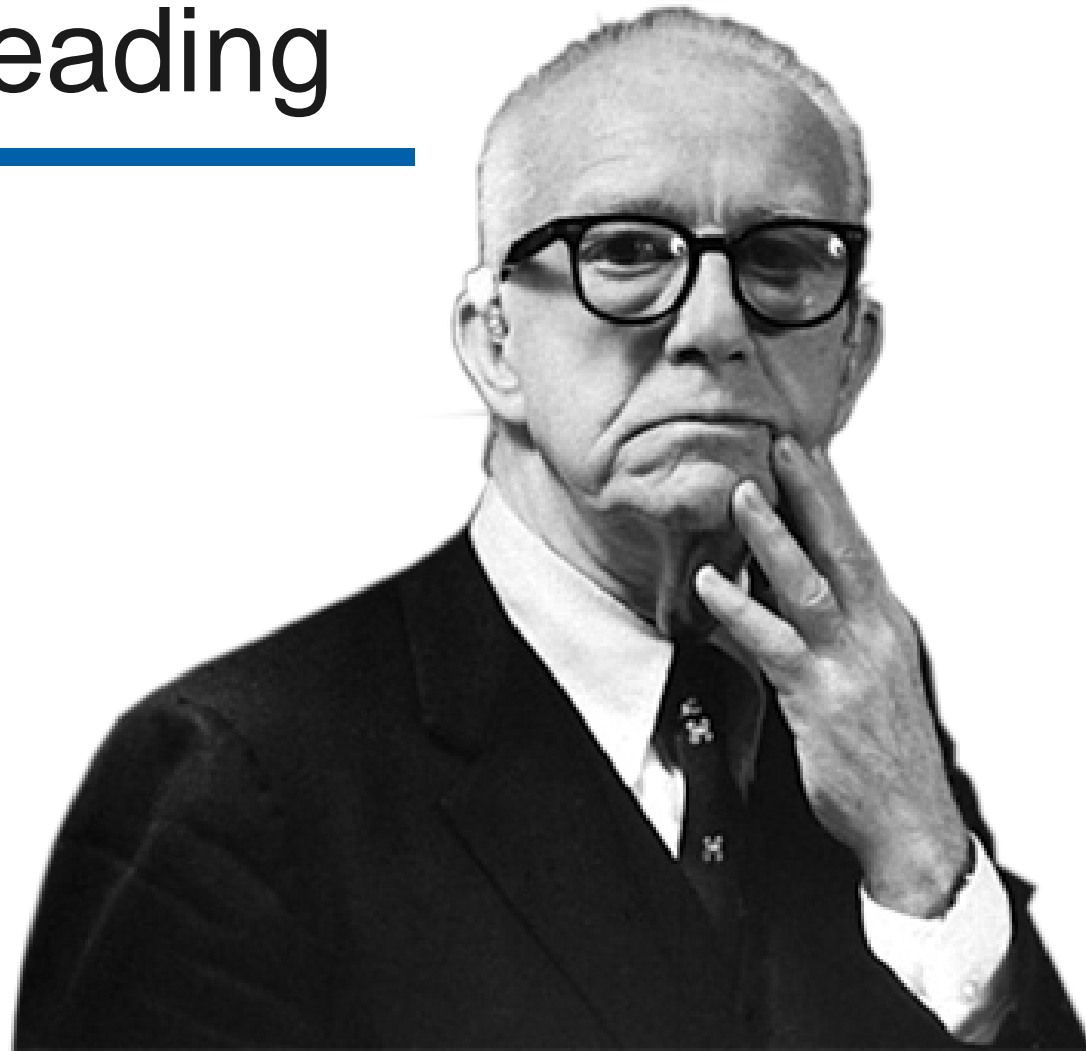
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**“We learn on the fringe of what we already know.”**

- Marc Varner



## The Seventh Wave - The Age of Continuous Disruption

The seventh wave is very different from its predecessors. It is not characterized by a major technological breakthrough, but by the pace of change in all areas, a multi-dimensional change. It relates to the amount of innovation that appears simultaneously, and the extent of the continuous disruption that is created.

This disruption is made possible by new technologies that appear at a continuously increasing speed.

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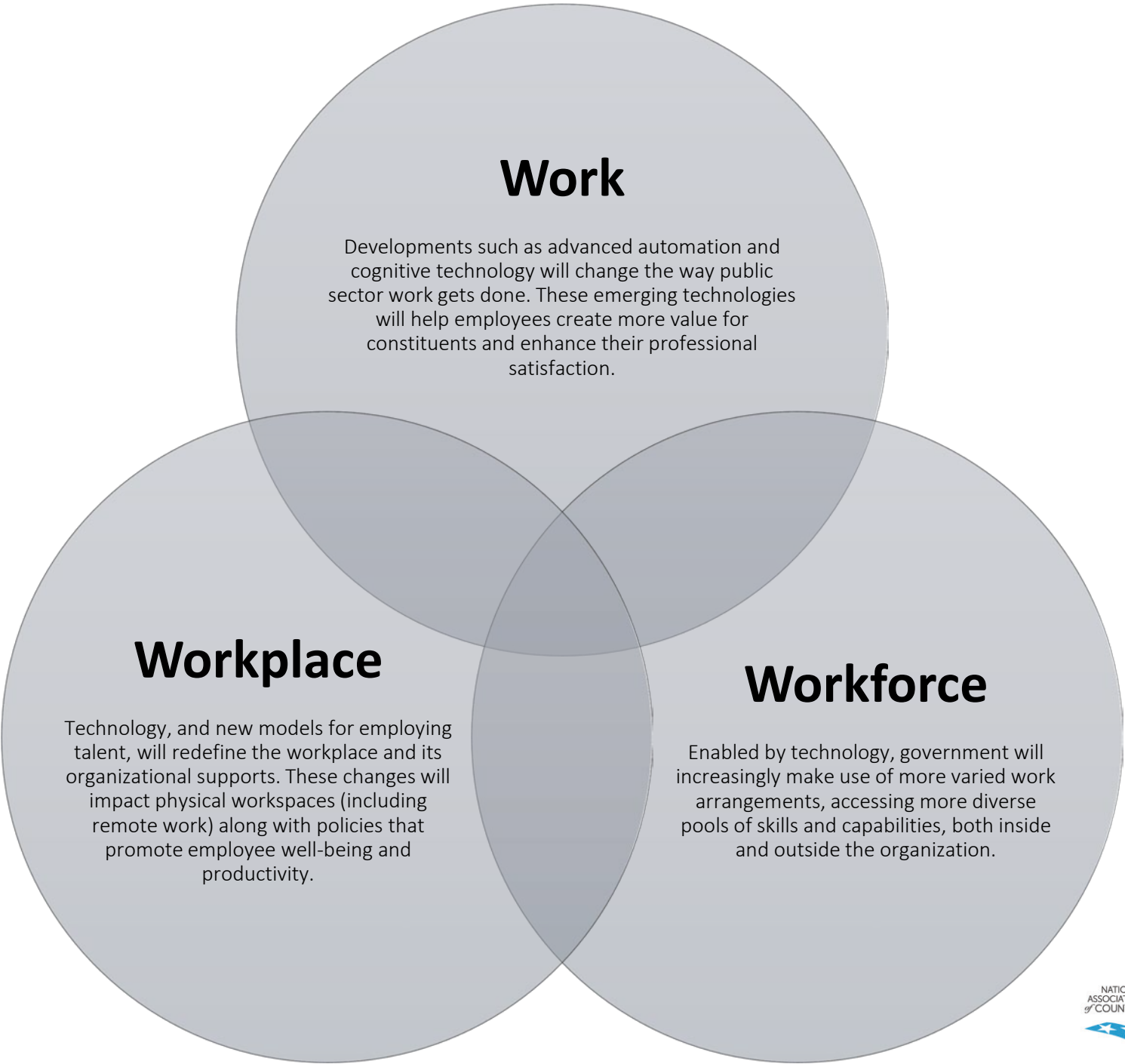
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# Emerging Digital Technologies

① 3-D Printing	② 5G	③ Appliances	④ Artificial Intelligence
⑤ Autonomous Vehicles/Drones	⑥ Blockchain	⑦ Conversation Interfaces (chatbots)	⑧ Cybersecurity (on steroids)
⑨ Data Analytics	⑩ Digital Currencies	⑪ Disposable Devices	⑫ Edge Computing Technologies
⑬ Facial Recognition	⑭ Health-related Digital Devices	⑮ Instantaneous Worldwide Communications	⑯ Machine Learning
⑰ Neural Networks (artificial)	⑱ Privacy-Enhancing Technologies	⑲ RFID	⑳ Robotics/Nanobots
㉑ Sensors-Embedded and Connected	㉒ Virtual and Augmented Reality	㉓ Wearable Devices	㉔ Quantum Computing (furthest out)

# THE FUTURE OF WORK



Source: Deloitte



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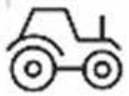


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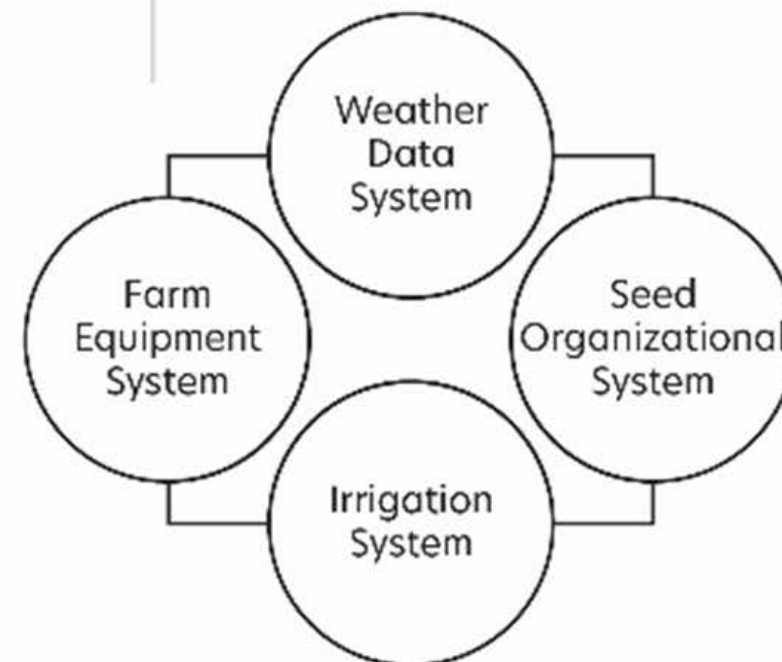
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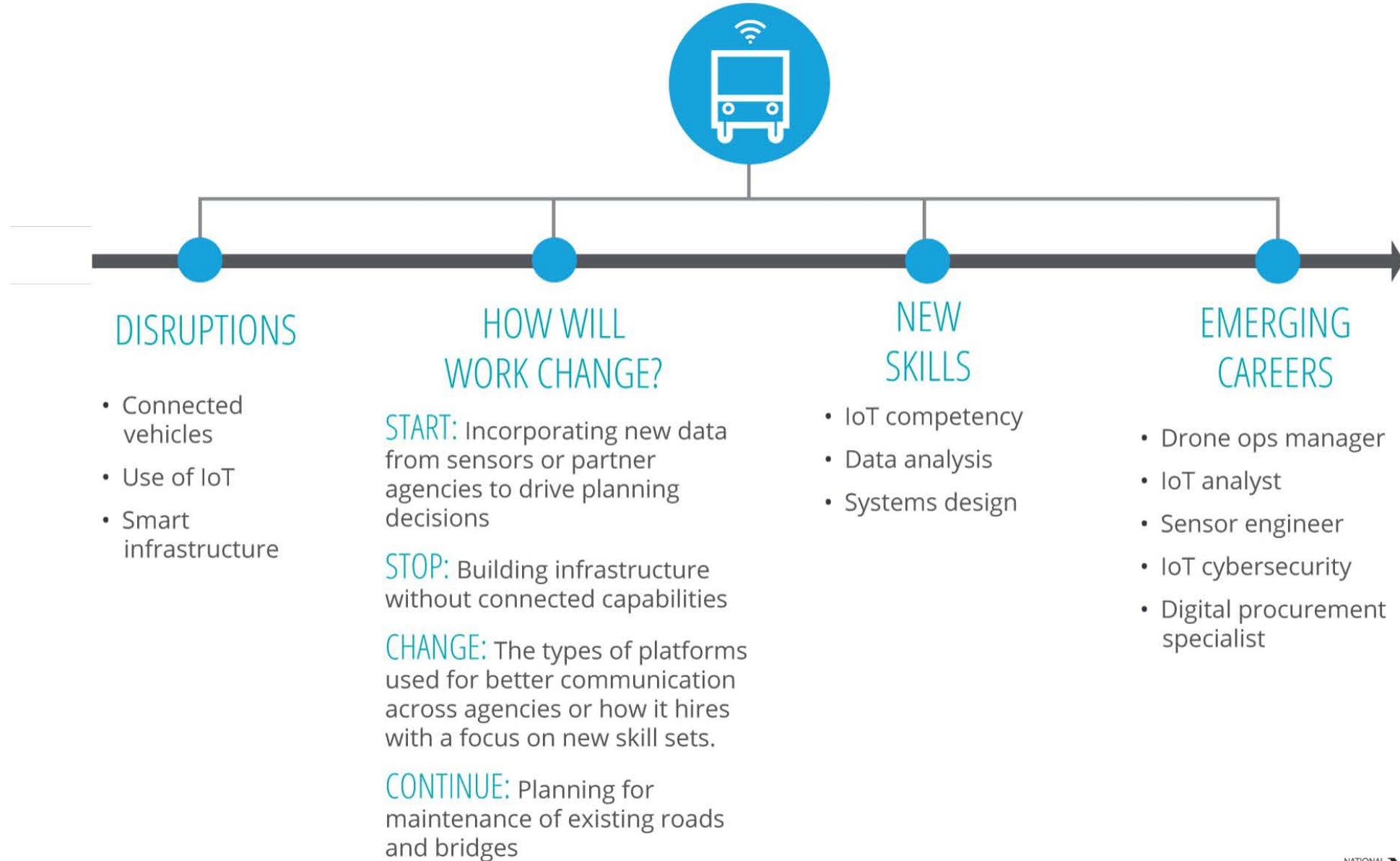


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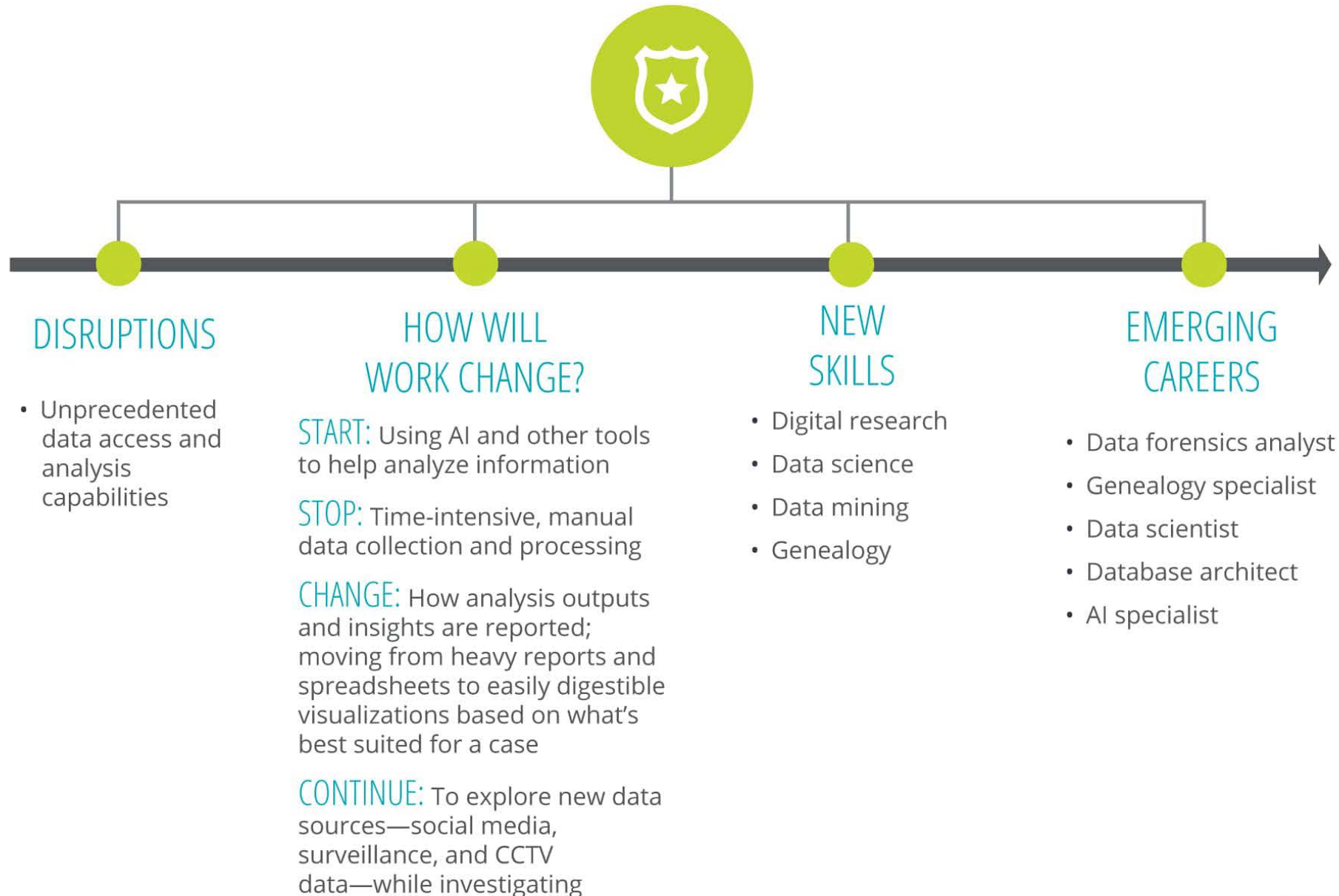
We optimize farm operations  
and supply chains and are  
the primary source of farm data  
for sellers, brokers, and brands

# How disruptors and data could change transportation work





# How disruptors and data could change law enforcement work



Source: The Deloitte Center for Government Insights.

# Digital Competency

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Peter Drucker said, “If a company had only one competency, it must be the ability to innovate.” To innovate there must be creativity, which George Kneller determined “consists largely of rearranging what we know to find out what we do not know.”

# The Future Is Predictable

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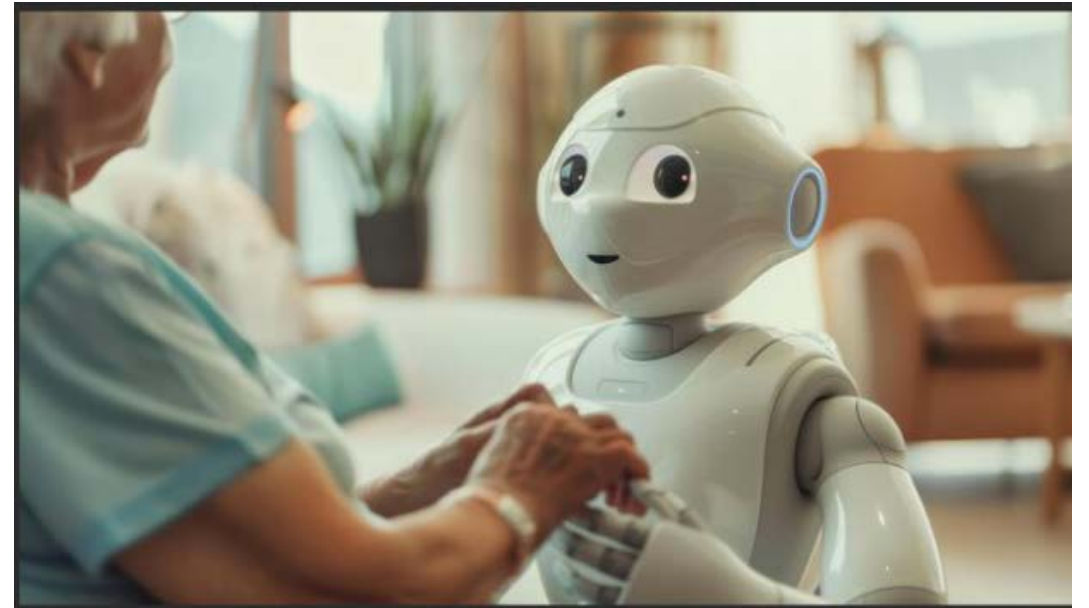
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Things are about  
to change in a  
very **BIG** way  
very soon . . .



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## Planning Your Digital Transformation

What are the irreversible market and customer trends happening right now?

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What technologies will help you provide the services your customers expect?

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How will you make sure your employees are ready for the changes needed?

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Some things will never change.

It's all about people. Period.

People are the lifeblood of any team, organization, community.

Effectiveness is grounded in our connections with one another – the touchpoints we have with one another – in our work throughout our workplace, and for the customers we serve.



# Strategies for Digital Transformation

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- Transparency
  - Provide open access to project goals, timelines, and outcomes to residents
  - Use digital dashboards to show progress and performance metrics
  - Ensure procurement processes and technology choices are clearly communicated
- Honesty
  - Acknowledge challenges such as budget constraints or system limitations openly
  - Share both successes and setbacks in transformation projects
  - Build trust by setting realistic expectations with staff, partners, and constituents
- Thinking outside the box
  - Explore emerging technologies (AI, IoT, automation) to solve persistent challenges
  - Partner with private sector, nonprofits, and other counties for innovative pilot programs
  - Encourage staff at all levels to propose creative solutions for inefficiencies

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- Balance
  - Weigh innovation with fiscal responsibility and sustainability
  - Balance cybersecurity needs with ease of access for residents and staff
  - Maintain a balance between short-term wins (quick improvements) and long-term transformation strategies
- Responsible
  - Ensure digital initiatives protect resident data and privacy
  - Adopt ethical AI and technology practices to avoid unintended harm
  - Provide training and support to staff so no one is left behind during transformation

# Strategies for Digital Transformation

**Step 1:**  
Articulate your  
vision, mission,  
and values

**Step 2:**  
Detail goals and  
objectives that  
support Step 1

**Step 3:**  
Identify proven  
peer practices  
and use cases

**Step 4:**  
Quantify effort  
and impact of  
all use cases

**Step 5:**  
Prioritize short-  
to long-term  
transformation

voice of the  
customer, legal  
position, policy  
guidelines,  
integration into  
budget/planning  
documents

work with  
neighboring  
counties, cities,  
state association of  
counties, state  
leagues, NACo,  
NLC, and other  
peer groups

establish decision  
making criteria that  
fits budget,  
mandates, legal  
needs, best/proven  
practices, etc and  
have a 3 to 5 year  
rolling plan

crawl-walk-run  
maturity model,  
low-hanging-fruit  
first, pace with  
organizational  
readiness and  
customer  
expectations

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**The theory of  
work is simple:  
PEOPLE  
SERVING  
PEOPLE.**



Tom Peters



Rosabeth Moss Kanter





**Starbucks boss Howard Schultz visits 25 shops a week.**

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