

MANAGING DIGITAL ENTERPRISE

Lecture 1

Introduction to Managing Digital Enterprise

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Agenda

1. Introduction to Digital Enterprises
2. Importance of Digital Enterprises
3. Characteristics and Core Components of Digital Enterprises
4. Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

Course Overview

This Course;

1. Explores the integration of digital technology into all areas of a business.
2. Provides a comprehensive understanding of the digital transformation process including;
 - The adoption of emerging technologies,
 - Digital strategy development, and
 - Management of digital enterprises.

Course Objectives

1. Explain the key concepts and components of a digital enterprise.
2. Identify and evaluate emerging digital technologies and their business applications.
3. Develop digital strategies to enhance business operations and customer experiences.
4. Analyze the challenges and risks associated with digital transformation.
5. Apply critical thinking to solve problems in digital enterprises.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students Should be able to:

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Introduction to Digital Enterprises

What is a Digital Enterprise?

A Digital Enterprise integrates digital technologies across all its operations.

- Focuses on efficiency, innovation, and customer engagement.
- Combines automation, AI, big data, and cloud computing to transform traditional business processes. *Franklin (2021)*

Importance and Relevance of A digital Enterprise

1 Competitive Advantage:

Digital enterprises can quickly adapt to market changes and customer demands.

2 Global Reach:

Enhanced ability to operate and compete globally.

3 Efficiency

Improved efficiency through automation and data analytics.

4 Customer Engagement :

Enhanced customer experience and engagement through personalized services.

Characteristics and Core Components of Digital Enterprises *Uhl, A.,(2016)*

A: Characteristics

1. Digital Integration

- Incorporates digital technologies into every aspect of the business.
- Ensures all systems and processes are interconnected for smooth data flow and operational efficiency.
- Utilizes advanced technologies like AI, IoT, blockchain, and cloud computing to enhance business capabilities.

Characteristics of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

Characteristics Cont.

2. Data-Centric Decision-Making

- Decisions are based on comprehensive data analysis rather than perception.
- Utilizes real-time data to make timely and accurate decisions.
- Employs predictive models to anticipate market trends and customer behavior.

Characteristics of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

Characteristics Cont.

3. Agile Operations

- **Flexibility:** Can quickly adapt to changes in the market and technology landscape.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Constantly evolves and optimizes processes and products.
- **Rapid Innovation:** Fosters a culture of innovation to stay ahead of the competition.

Characteristics of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

Characteristics Cont.

4. Customer-Centric Approach

Delivers personalized experiences and products based on customer preferences and behaviors.

Actively collects and incorporates customer feedback to improve offerings.

Engages customers through multiple channels to build strong relationships and loyalty.

Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

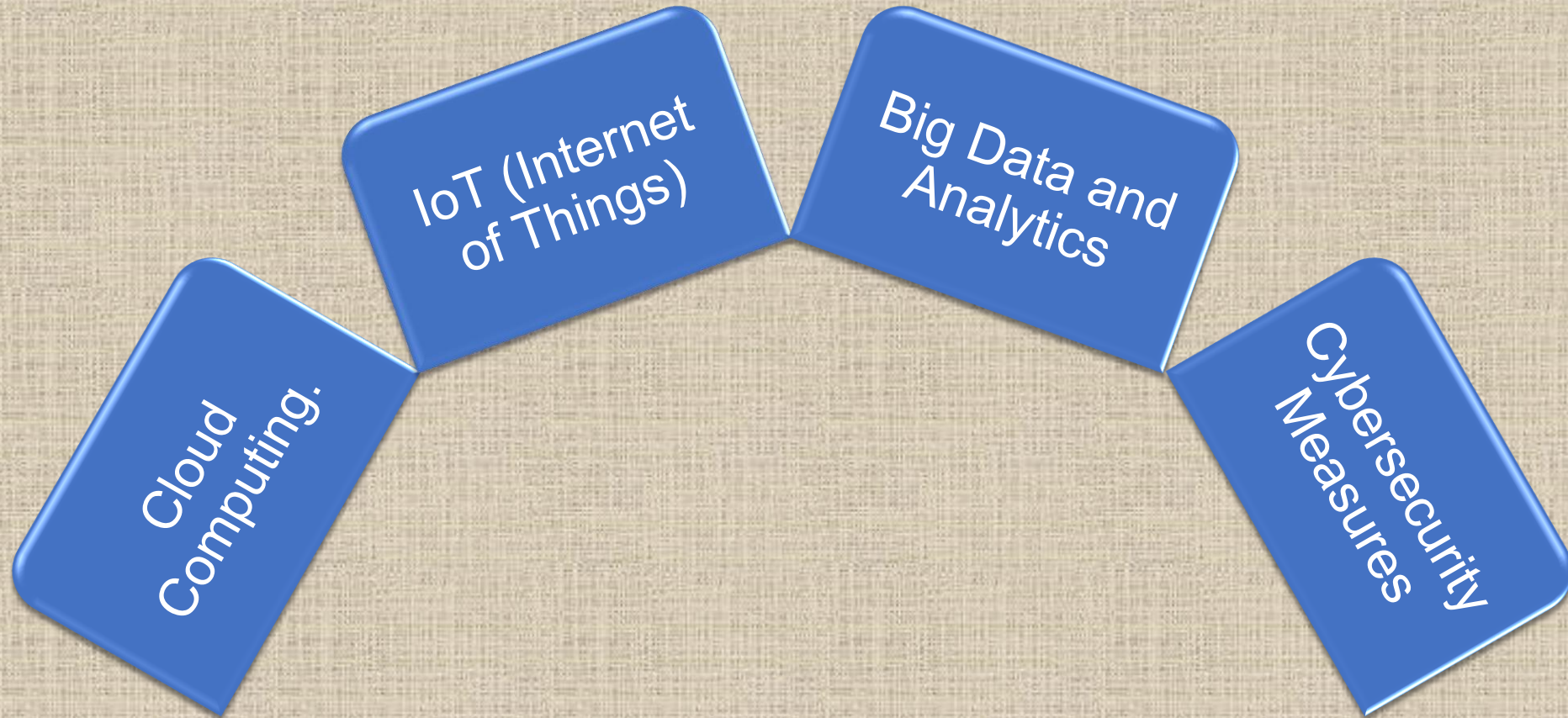
B: Core Components

1. Technology Infrastructure

- This is the backbone of digital operations, including hardware, software, and network resources.
- Capable of scaling up to support business growth and increased demand.
- Ensures robust cybersecurity measures to protect data and systems.

Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

Examples of Technology Infrastructure



Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

2. Digital Platforms and Tools

- Tools for automating and optimizing business processes.
- Platforms that facilitate team collaboration and communication (e.g., Slack, Microsoft Teams).
- Tools for engaging with customers (e.g., CRM systems, social media platforms).

Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

2. Examples Digital Platforms and Tools.



Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

3.Data Management Systems

- Efficiently collects data from various sources.
- Securely stores large volumes of data.
- Advanced analytics tools for processing and analysing data to generate insights.

Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

Data Management consider 4 key aspects

Data Collection and Storage

Sources, Storage Solutions, Accessibility, Scalability:

Data Analytics

Descriptive, Predictive Prescriptive Analytics and Visualization:

Data Privacy and Security

Regulations, Encryption, Access Control, Monitoring.

Data-Driven Decision-Making

Insight Utilization, Performance Tracking, Optimization and Strategic Planning

Core Components of Digital Enterprises *cont.*

4. Digital Skills and Culture

Digital Literacy

Training to acquire digital skills and knowledge to use digital technologies effectively and efficiently

Change Management

The process of managing changes in an organization to encourage Adaptability, clear Communication of the change and Support Systems:

Innovation Mindset

Encourages creativity and experimentation.

Continuous Learning and Adaptation

- Promotes ongoing learning and skill development
- Stays updated with industry trends and technological advancements

Characteristics and Core Components of Digital Enterprises

The above provides the understanding of the characteristics and core components of digital enterprises, emphasizing the importance of integration, data-driven decisions, agility, customer focus, technology infrastructure, digital tools, data management, and a supportive culture

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

What is Digital Transformation?

Digital Transformation is when companies use new digital tools and technologies to improve how they operate and serve customers.

Examples: Cloud computing, AI, big data, Internet of Things (IoT), and automation.

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

What are Traditional business Models?

Refer to the ways companies have operated and generated revenue before the digital era.

Examples of Traditional Business Models:

Retail Stores: Physical shops selling goods directly to customers (e.g., supermarkets, department stores).

Manufacturing: Companies producing physical goods and selling them through distributors or retailers.

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

Digital Transformation affect Traditional Business Models in the following ways

1. Customer Expectations.

- Customers now expect faster, more personalized experiences.
- Digital tools allow businesses to offer services like 24/7 online support and instant deliveries (e.g., Amazon or Netflix).

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

2. Operational Efficiency

- Digital technologies (like AI and automation) make business processes faster and more efficient.
- This reduces costs and helps companies make better, data-driven decisions

3. New Revenue Streams

- Traditional businesses can create new ways to make money, such as offering subscription services (e.g., Spotify or cloud services).
- Companies can also use data to develop more personalized products.

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

4. Supply Chain Improvements

- Digital transformation helps businesses track their products in real time using technologies like the Internet of Things (IoT).
- This makes supply chains more flexible and able to respond quickly to customer demands.

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

5. Shift to Platform-Based Models

- Many businesses are moving from selling products to creating platforms that connect people (e.g., Uber or Airbnb).
- These platforms can grow easily and generate more value as more people use them.

Impact of Digital Transformation on Traditional Business Models

6. Workforce and Culture Changes

- Digital transformation requires employees to develop new skills, such as digital literacy and data analysis.
- Companies need a more flexible, innovative work culture to keep up with the fast pace of change.

NB. Traditional business models need to evolve by using digital tools to meet modern customer demands, improve efficiency, and stay competitive in a digital world.

Conclusion

Digital enterprises use technology to improve efficiency, meet customer demands, and stay competitive. They rely on data, automation, and scalable platforms to drive innovation. As digital transformation disrupts traditional business models, companies must adapt and embrace new strategies to succeed in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

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