

### Message from 4most

Welcome to the **June 2019** Newsletter.

In this digital era, it is essential for a business to embark on their own transformation journey and through this embrace change, engage in innovation and become more intelligent. **Data** is key to this transformation.

In this month's newsletter we explore how accessing, analysing and utilising **data** is essential to a growing business as it provides increased insight, improves decision-making and overall business performance. We learn about the difference between live and historical data, the advantage of in-memory processing, what an effective digital platform is and the importance of correct data management.

#### What's in store for you in this month's newsletter:

1. The Top Skills You Need To Lead In Times Of Continuous Change.
2. Need Real-Time Insight? Bring Live And Historical Data Together Again.
3. Embedded Analytics: The Edge Midsize Businesses Need In The Race For Continuous Intelligence.
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### The Top Skills You Need To Lead In Times Of Continuous Change



In times of digital transformation, change has become a constant. Guiding companies through their business transformation journey not only requires creating more agile organizational structures and processes, it also demands instilling cultural change. Business leaders need to transform their organization into an intelligent enterprise, rooted in a corporate culture that thrives on continuous change.

The transformation has to start from the heart of the organization. One of the most striking results in the 22nd Annual Global CEO Survey by PwC was that organizations are turning inward to drive revenue growth in an

unpredictable international socio-economic environment. They are focusing on strengthening the organization's digital core, closing capabilities gaps, and improving organizational efficiencies.

Embracing constant change at work does not happen overnight. It requires shifting mindsets and behavioral patterns. Here are the key leadership skills that help business and IT executives succeed.

*By Dilipkumar Khandelwal. Courtesy of SAP Digitalist Magazine.*

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### Need Real-Time Insight? Bring Live And Historical Data Together Again

It's hardly news that comprehensive access to all relevant data is a critical first step toward the single source of truth that organizations need to succeed in the digital economy. To increase insight, serve customers better, speed response times, and improve business performance, you need to connect to all data from the far-flung corners of the enterprise and consolidate it into a single view. Otherwise, the business is left making decisions based on only part of the story.

But even for organizations that make comprehensive data access a priority, there's still one split in the typical data environment that stands as a persistent obstacle to the single source of truth: the split between live data and historical data.



*By Stefan Baeuerle. Courtesy of SAP Digitalist Magazine.*

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## Embedded Analytics: The Edge Midsize Businesses Need In The Race For Continuous Intelligence



The core of every growing business is an ability to adapt to a world of new opportunities and disruptive risks. Every shift – from detecting the need for change to determining the best move forward – should be informed by data from both inside and outside the organization.

Such agility requires continuous intelligence, not a series of one-off analyses. The race for marketplace survival is a marathon of twists and turns dictated by an ever-changing environment. And the faster businesses can move through a cycle of data from insight to decision-making, the more impactful their innovation efforts become.

According to the IDC InfoBrief, “The IT Role in Best-Run Midsize Companies: Driving Value from Embedded Intelligence,” sponsored by SAP, this need to evolve is what separates highly performing midsize companies from the rest of the competition. Their secret? The adoption of the latest technologies such as advanced and predictive analytics, digital assistants, collaboration software, and ERP systems.

*By Timo Elliott. Courtesy of SAP Digitalist Magazine.*

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## Data Platforms Reveal Untapped Superpowers That Make Midsize Businesses Unstoppable

Watching Avengers: Endgame is not only a mesmerizing experience for comics fans of all ages but also an inspirational reminder for leaders of midsize businesses. Just like each superhero has a unique power that chips away at a seemingly formidable enemy, growing companies possess the unique agility to adapt to a world of rapid and continuous innovation.

But even the strongest, fastest, and most powerful superhero has a weakness – and for most growing companies, it's data silos. In fact, according to IDC, simply capturing high volumes of data is not enough. Data is so diverse – from structured and unstructured to streaming events – that lack of integration between applications can weaken any competitive advantage.

*By Matthew Zenus. Courtesy of SAP Digitalist Magazine.*

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