

# THE C-LEVEL GUIDE TO DATA STRATEGY

Your 3Ps - People Process and Platform - in a GenAI World

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# The keys to unlock your Data and AI strategy

Accelerating your data and AI transformation



# And now GenAl....



#### Destruction

Enlightenm<u>ent</u>

# Governance is foundational and complex



# And the landscape is changing Regulation and legislation is only a matter of time



- EU AI Act
- US Executive Order (EO)
- US State legislation
- Canada AI and Data Act (AIDA)
- G7 International Standards for Generative AI
- NIST
- And more....

# Regardless of industry or size, business leaders have to tackle the same strategic Data and Al themes

# Key pillars of a successful Data and Al strategy

<sup>01</sup> Setting the foundations for Data and AI transformation

<sup>02</sup> Organizational and peopleoriented pillars of your journey

03 Impact on your processes

# Practical platform considerations of executing this transformation

# Setting the foundations for Data and AI transformation

# Define ideal state

### Vision or Mission



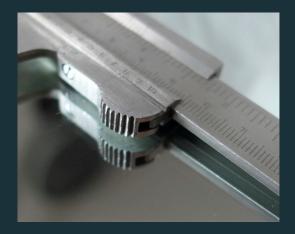
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#### Guiding principles



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# Measures of success



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# Assess where you are

Self-assessments and metric-driven analysis

1. Initial	2. Managed	3. Defined	4. Quantified	5. Optimised
Unpredictable & reactive	Managed on the project level	Proactive, rather than reactive	Measured & controlled	Stable & flexible
Unpredictable, poorly controlled, and/or reactive	Planning, measurement, and management is confined to the project level	Organisation-wide standards are defined, documented, and understood	Data-driven with clear performance metrics and optimisation objectives	Focused on continuous improvement, providing the foundations for agility
Very often manual and undocumented	Still often reactive	Moving towards proactive & program/portfolio level	Proactively managing	& innovation

# Plan for change

And formalize change management

- Align on methodology (ex. Prosci ADKAR)
- Communication planning
- Community building
- Share best practices and success stories
- Be agile

ADKAR: Awareness, Desire, Knowledge, Ability, Reinforcement

#### Why the ADKAR Model?

Change is often a complex and difficult process. Leading successful change in other people and across whole organizations requires new thinking and new tools. The Prosci ADKAR<sup>®</sup> Model is a valuable framework for organizational leaders, change managers and project managers to effectively lead a wide variety of changes. The lens of the ADKAR Model reveals both key concepts that influence successful change and actionable insights for implementing these concepts.

# Diversity is critical

Especially in Data and AI

- 1. Historical data tends to be biased
- 1. ML run on biased data is biased
- Al is not infallible and needs human validation/ oversight



And that oversight needs population representation

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# Organizational and people-oriented pillars of this journey

# Organize to balance control with autonomy

Organize teams to drive consistency and capabilities

Ensure accountability by the business

Data scientist Data analyst

Business partners

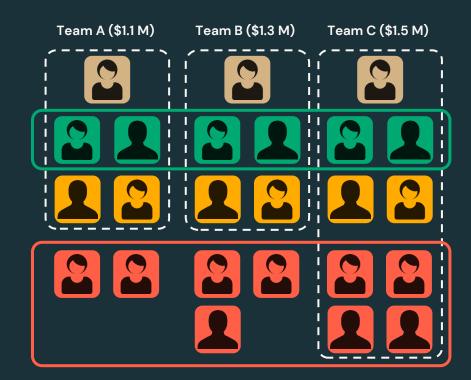
and domain experts

Data engineer



Centralized data science team aligned with lines of business

Predominantly centralized data engineering team aligned at enterprise level



# Meet users where they are

USERS	Data Scientists	Data engineers	Data analysts	Business users
ROLE	Model and predict	Store, manage and curate	Visualize and describe	Execution and ROI
INTERFACE	Interactive notebooks	Programmatic / CICD	SQL environment BI tools	Dashboard / report Domain apps <b>Natural language</b>
DATA FORMAT	Raw and refined	Build full pipelines	Highly-curated gold tables	N/A

# Al changes how we interact with data

# 

#### Everyone

can find highly relevant data using their business terminology



#### **Business teams**

can query and visualize data using natural language



#### Developers

can autogenerate, explain and fix SQL code



#### Governance teams

can automate data quality, PII detection and data documentation

# Upskill talent and build a Data and Al culture



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# Impact on your processes

# Process transformation

#### **Risk versus Innovation**



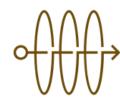
#### Choose the right controls...

And the right enforcement.

# Leveraging Generative AI in processes



# Experimentation vs. showing value



Still early in understanding GenAl



Which use cases will deliver value?



What's the best way to get that value?

# Prioritization of process transformation

Where to start?



# Practical platform considerations of executing this transformation



# Simplify: less is more

- Complexity carries a heavy cost
- Consider "opt-in" vs. "rationalize-later"
- Avoid extra (systems, copies, movement)
- Multi-cloud is real, build for it
- Leverage a well-architected framework

- Move single source of truth to open data format
- Offload ETL workloads to low-cost, highperformance options
- Migrate without impacting productivity
- Enable new use cases and capabilities



# Data estate consolidation

### Future-proof with open interfaces and formats



Meet your goals today—technical flexibility for tomorrow

### Databricks Data Intelligence Platform

<b>Mosaic Al</b> Create, tune, and serve custom LLMs	<b>Delta Live Tables</b> Automated data quality	Workflows Job cost optimized based on past runs	<b>Databricks SQL</b> Text-to-SQL Text-to-Viz				
Use generative AI to understand the semantics of your data DatabricksIQ							
<b>Unity Catalog</b> Securely get insights in natural language							
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#### **Open Data Lake**

All Raw Data (Logs, Texts, Audio, Video, Images)

### SUMMARY: Data and Al strategy execution built on strong foundations

### People

Talent transformation Scalable enablement Data and Al culture

### Process

Clear vision Ruthless prioritization Reuse and automation

### Platform

Modern Data and Al architecture Security, performance and cost Flexible tech leverage