

# **Building a Centralized Analytics Team**

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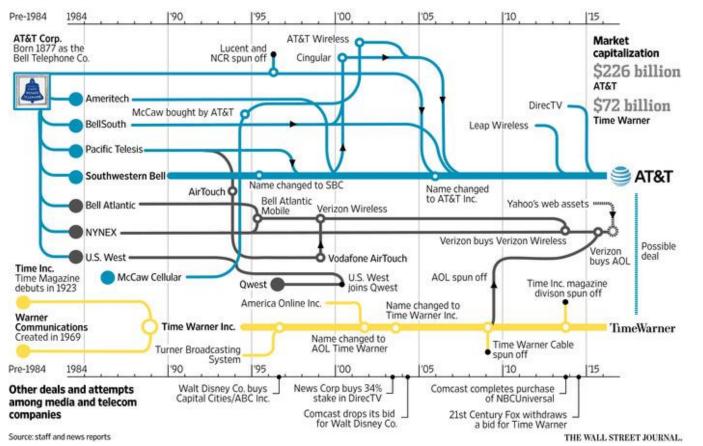
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Business transforms, data transforms, analytics needs to grow, organizational structure transforms

## **Converging Destinies**

AT&T and Time Warner are in advanced talks to combine after decades of consolidation and deals in the telecommunication and media industries.



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# 32%

AT&T Entertainment Revenue as a percentage of total in 2016<sup>1</sup>

#### 50B

Connected devices estimated by 2020<sup>2</sup>

# 2016

The analytics platform market's multiyear shift has passed the tipping point<sup>3</sup>

3.0

AT&T's Project Indigo 3.0, a trusted data collaboration environment<sup>4</sup>

AT&T 2016 Annual Report
Cisco, Inc
Gartner BI and Analytics Magic Quadrant 2016
AT&T Innovation Blog

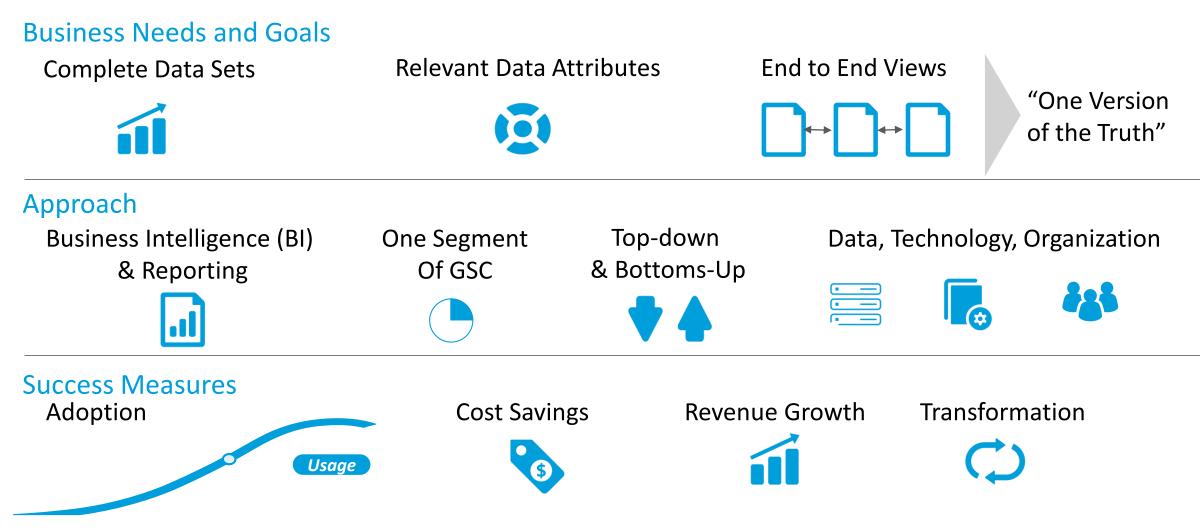


Global Supply Chain (GSC) breadth of responsibility is wide and deep and results in complex data structures

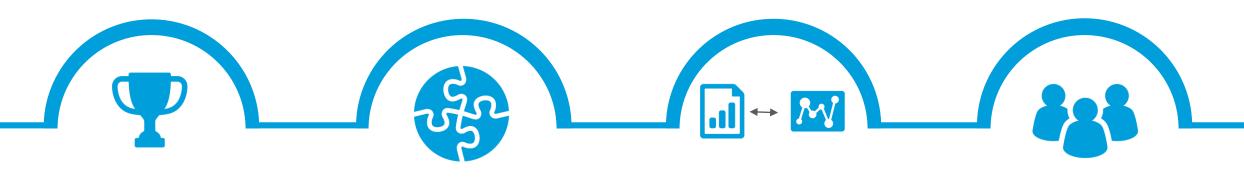




Defining the business needs and goals, approach and success measures are key to successful transformations



Cultural and technical challenges are part of all transformations



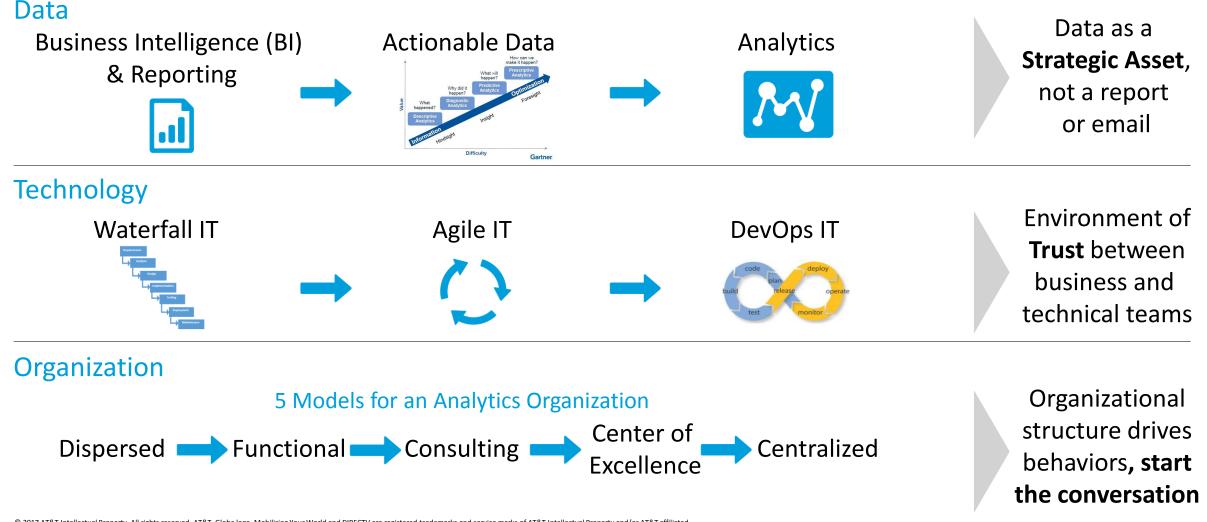
Differing Business Priorities & Expectations Data Complexity & Merger Activity

Business Intelligence vs. Analytics

Human Factors & Change

"One version of the truth" is a guiding influence. **Acknowledge** other goals and expectations as well. Completeness and End-to-End view are priorities that directly conflicts with changing business. **Evolve** to "good enough." Business Intelligence Reporting and Analytics have **different** goals, approaches and software tools. Change happens at the speed of individuals. Adapt to the different learning styles. Celebrate big and small successes.

The Journey to Centralized Analytics includes tackling the technical and cultural challenges



#### Evaluate and assess your business goals and how organizations and teams need to evolve



Have we continued to evolve the data, technology and organization through business changes?

Is the Executive Advocate setting the tone of "data as an asset" and "good enough"?

Are the business goals and priorities clear and have conflicts or variations been acknowledged?

Are you addressing the needs of the different user types with a variety of training and implementations?

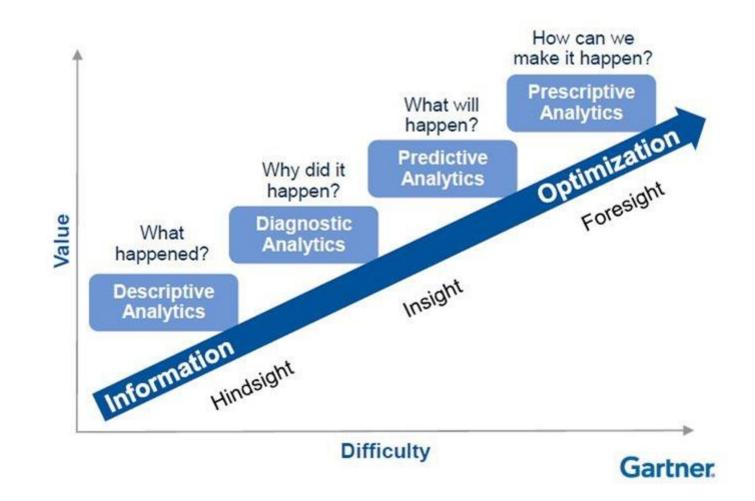




## Reference: 5 Models for an Analytics Organization

Model	Situation	Benefits	Drawback
Centralized	Large, single business orgs with high need for cross functional analyses. A single analytical group to serve the entire organization	Sharing of ideas across analysts.	Workload tends to expand leading to unresponsiveness.
Center of Excellence	A large, diverse business with varying analytical needs and issues. A core group to lead the analytical efforts but analysts based primarily in business functions and units.	Core team responsible for training, tool adoption, innovation, and communication. Analysts are embedded in the functional business groups that they serve.	Lack of control of the decentralized resources
Consulting	A single analytical group to serve the entire organization. Analysts are assigned to projects and time is "charged back" to the consuming functional area.	e Effectiveness of analysis is easily tracked by analyst and project	The "richer" functional areas can acquire more analysis – whether the problem is important or strategic.
Functional	The analysts are based in business functions and units that dominate the analytical activity for the company. Example- If Finance is the prime area of analytics then the analytics function is centered in Finance.	Analysts deployed where they can be most useful and return the most value.	Lack of resources and capability for other functional areas. Difficult to extend analysis to new areas.
Dispersed	The analysts are spread across the various functional groups with no mechanism for collaboration or coordination.	The functional groups typically staff analytics roles based on their perceived need.	No method to perform enterprise analytics No ability to utilize analytics to drive toward enterprise goals.

Reference: The path from Descriptive Analytics to Prescriptive Analytics



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