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Bimodal IT — Bimodal IT: How to Have It All Without Making a Mess

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Welcome to the Digital Wild West

Where Opportunities Come and Go Quickly, and Winning or Losing Has Meaningful Consequences for the Business



By 2017, **75%** of IT organizations will have a bimodal capability.

Half will make a mess.

Bimodal IT is not "nice to have."





- 1. What is bimodal IT and why should you care?
- 2. How should you get started in bimodal IT?
- 3. How do you progress to enterprise bimodal and what traps should you avoid?



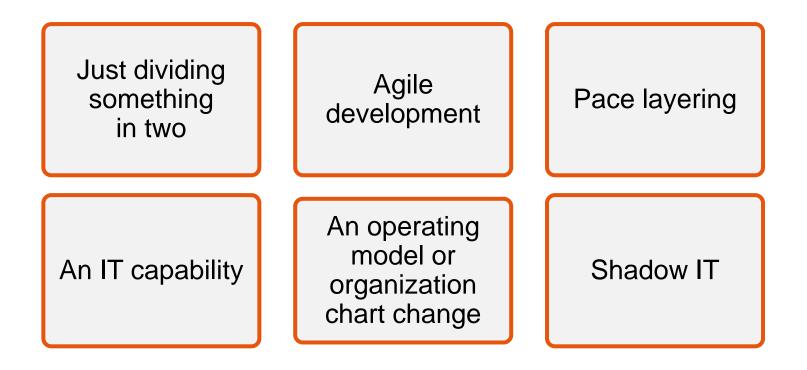
Bimodal IT Means —

Having two modes of IT, each designed to develop and deliver information- and technology-intensive services in its own way.

Mode 1 is traditional, emphasizing predictability, accuracy, stability. Mode 2 is exploratory, emphasizing agility and speed.



Bimodal Is Not —





Shhhh, don't tell anyone, but ...

Lean



The Industrialization Era Created Marathon Runners

IT Industrialization



Linear processes

IT management, service management

Treat colleagues as customers, unengaged with external customers

Services and solutions, efficiency and effectiveness

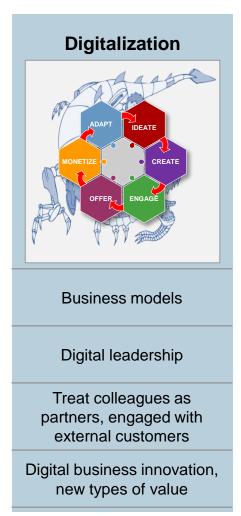








The Digital Era Requires Sprinters







Bimodal IT = Marathon Runners + Sprinters, Deeply Different, Both Essential

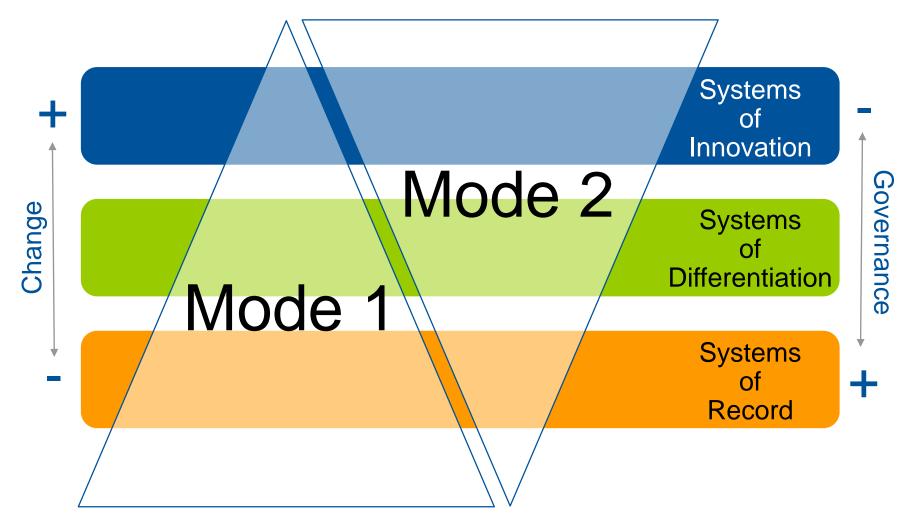
Mode1

Mode 2

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	Price for performance	Value	Revenue, brand, customer experience	
	Waterfall, V-model, high-ceremony IID	Approach	Agile, Kanban, low-ceremony IID	Think Sprinter
	Plan-driven, approval-based	Governance	Empirical, continuous, process-based	
	Enterprise suppliers, long-term deals	Sourcing	Small, new vendors, short-term deals	
	Good at conventional process, projects	Talent	Good at new and uncertain projects	
	IT-centric, removed from customer	Culture	Business-centric, close to customer	
	Long (months)	Cycle Times	Short (days, weeks)	

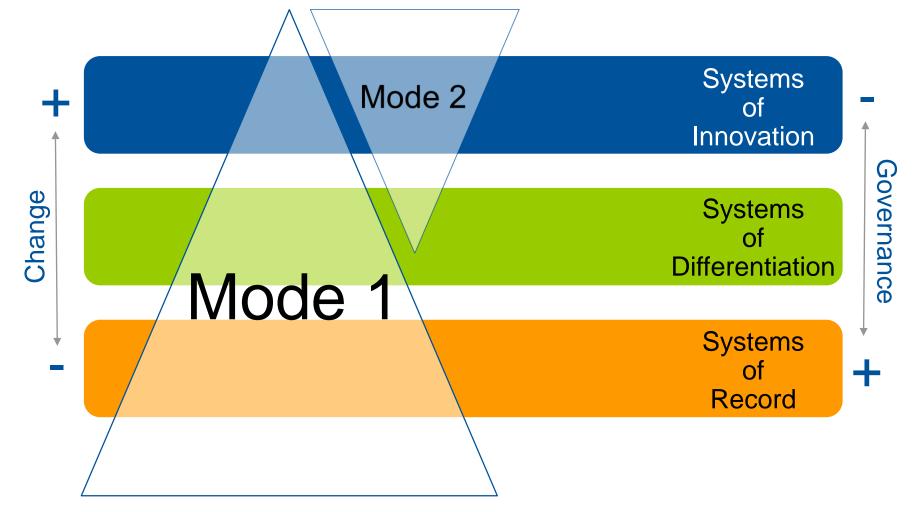


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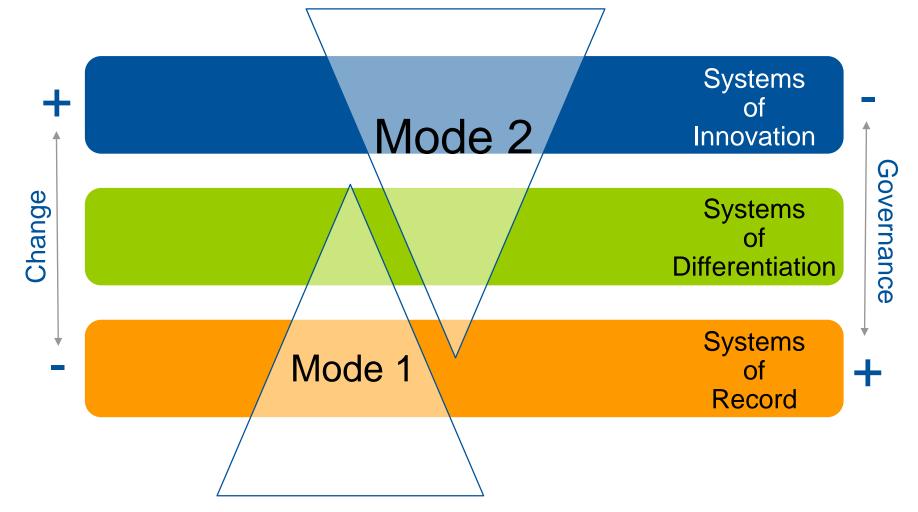


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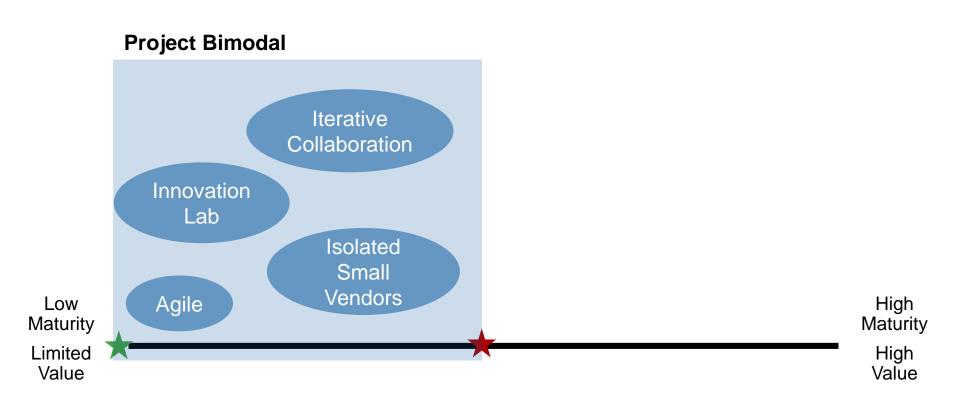




CIOs should care about becoming bimodal because they cannot confront the range of needs presented by digital business with a single, conventional mode of IT.



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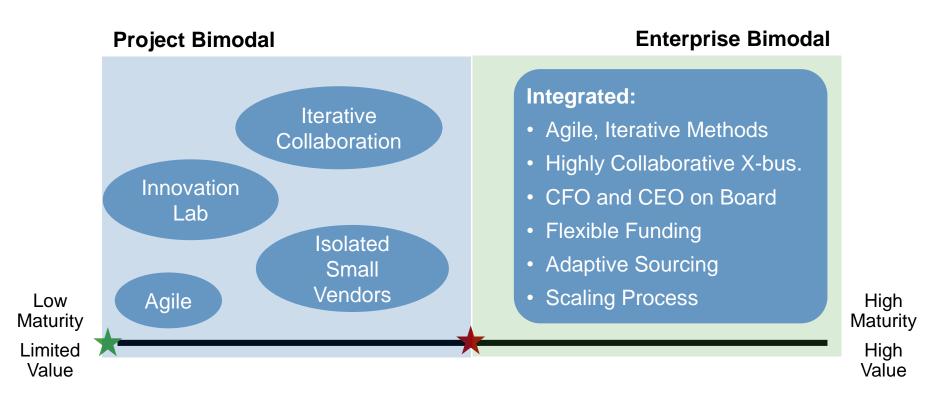


Typical Second Mode Starting Point

Point Beyond Which Enterprise Change Significant



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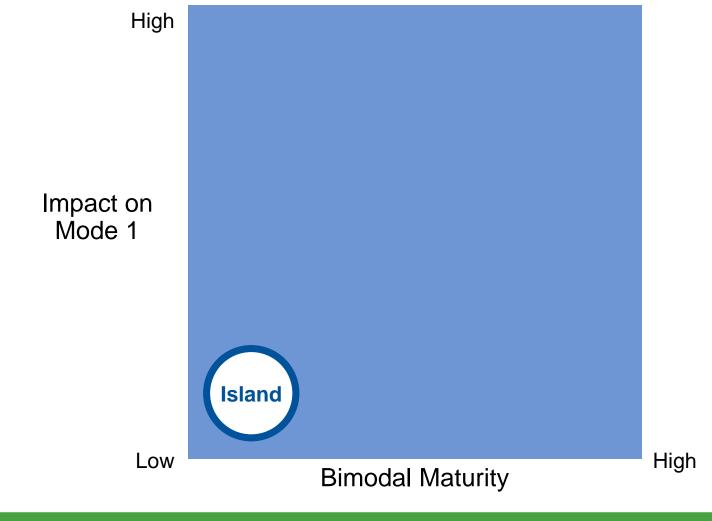
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Bimodal is Very Experiential – You Have To Do It To Learn It



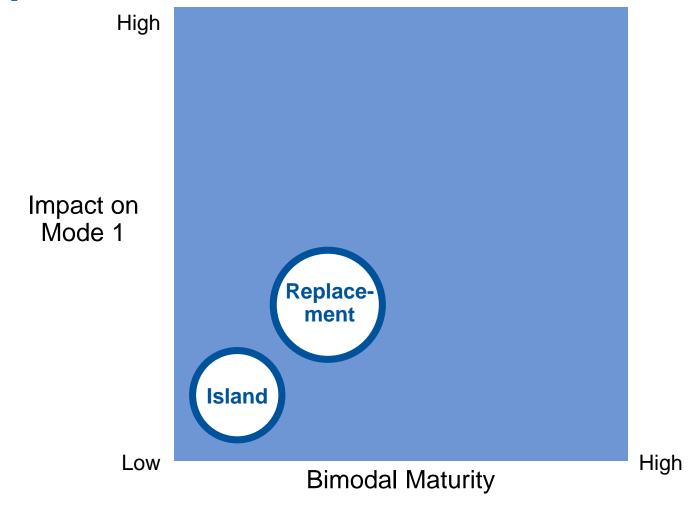




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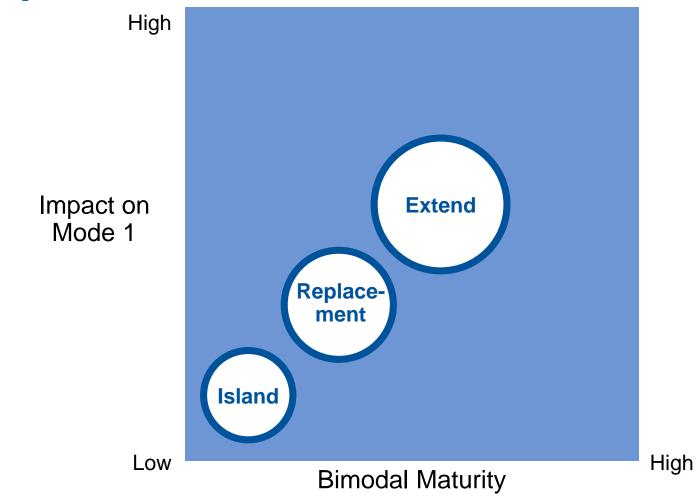
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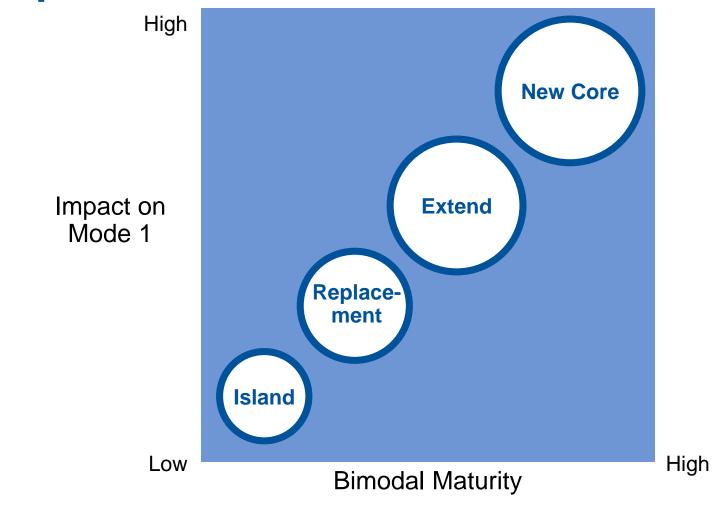
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Recommended Mode 2 Project Characteristics, to Start:



Is an Island Project



Has Willing Biz. Partner



Can Be Completed Fast



Has Uncertain Requirements, Low Complexity



Creates External Value

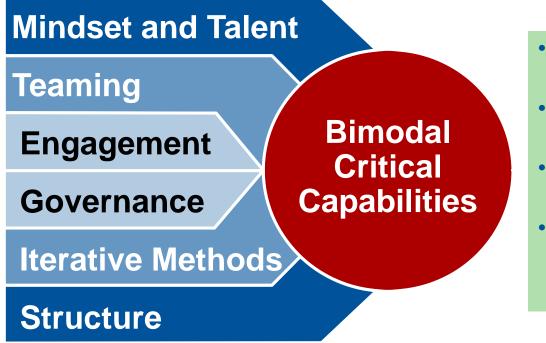


Is a System of Innovation



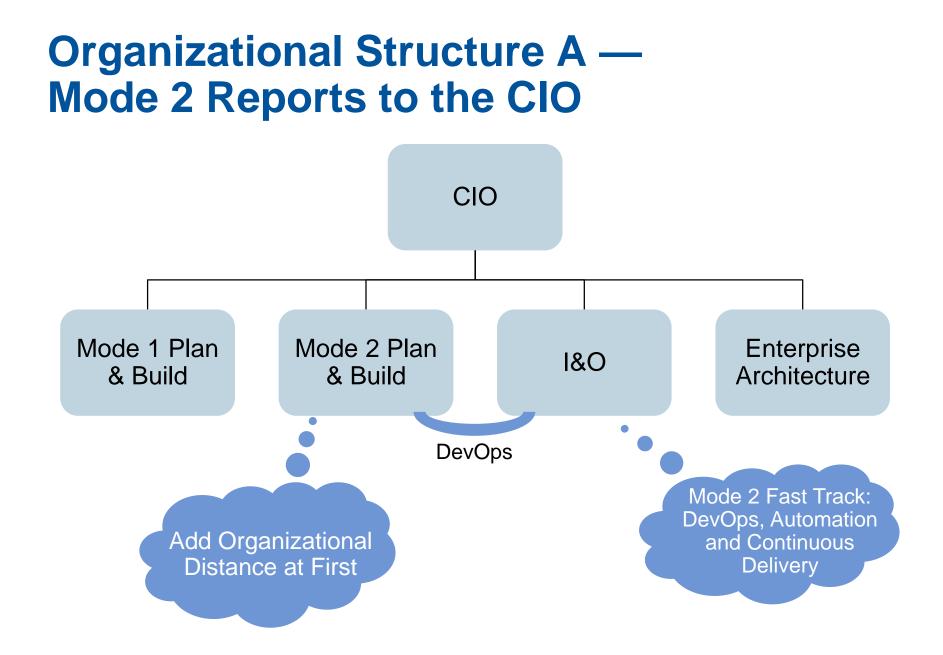
Project Bimodal — Mode 1 Dominates

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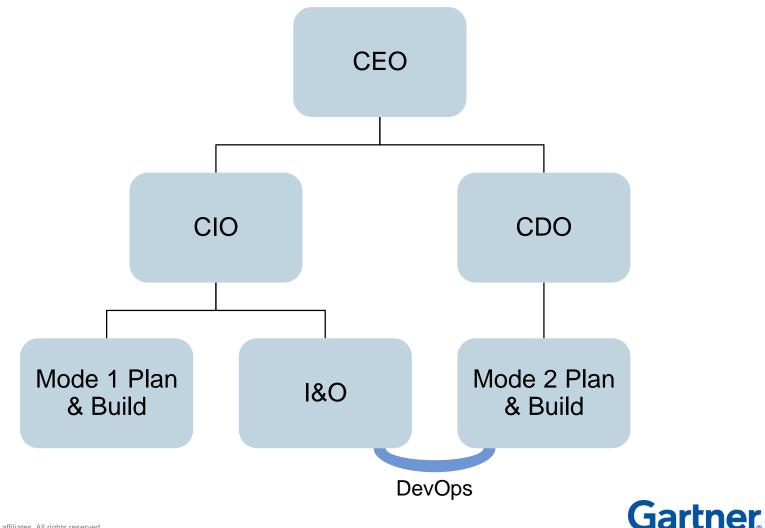


- Success mostly under IT control
- Fragmented, not systemic, capability
- Project, not capability focused
- Lower risk projects, with limited scope and limited Mode 1 impact





Organizational Structure B — Mode 2 Plan & Build Reports Outside IT

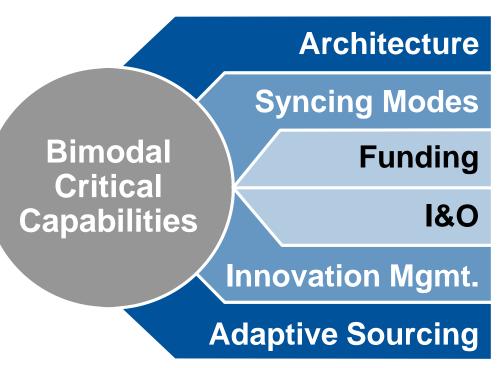


Two Critical Roles: Architect and Relationship Manager

Progress to Enterprise Bimodal — Mode 2 Dominates

Enterprise Bimodal

- A Committed Executive Team That Accepts More Operational Ambiguity
- A Well-Architected Digital Core on Which to Innovate
- Top Digital Talent
- Synching Between Modes







Traps to Avoid

- 1. Disconnection
- 2. Timid Middle
- 3. Spiralling technical debt
- 4. Lack of equity
- 5. An unrenovated core



Bimodal Is Built on Trust





Bimodal IT What Are the Next Steps?

UNCONSCIOUS COMPETENCE

Embed in Culture

- · Establish shared values
- Ensure equity
- · Build the processes and protocols to synchronize the two
- Reward team oriented, goal-driven behaviors.

Create Awareness and Appetite

- · Socialize the concepts of bimodal with the executive team
- **Challenge** the executive team how will it respond to the transformation it faces.
- Get agreement what does bimodal mean to you, how to proceed.

CONSCIOUS COMPETENCE

Build Capabilities

- Define your filters
- Pick a project
- · Pick the team
- Define the process, methods, tools.
- START
- Capture learning, iterate
- · Protect the team and its funding
- Engage sourcing & procurement
- Define an innovation
 management process.
- Manage technical debt
- Iterate, iterate, iterate

UNCONSCIOUS INCOMPETENCE

CONSCIOUS INCOMPETENCE

Recommended Gartner Research

- How to Achieve Enterprise Agility With a Bimodal Capability Simon Mingay and Mary Mesaglio (G00276981)
- Bimodal IT: How to Be Digitally Agile Without Making a Mess Mary Mesaglio and Simon Mingay (G00268866)
- The End of the Waterfall as We Know It Matthew Hotle and Others (G00238330)
- Getting Started With Transitioning to Agile Maritess Sobejana and Nathan Wilson (G00261803)
- Bimodal IT and Adaptive Sourcing Are Critical to Digital Business Success Claudio Da Rold and Others (G00265879)

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