

Ashu Roy, our CEO, challenged us with a simple idea one day. Every CDO, CIO, and CTO he met wanted to speed up customer engagement innovation, but was bogged down by big-iron CRM, CTI, and MDM projects. Speed of innovation was a victim of IT backlog. And business stakeholders were anxious because brands were increasingly at risk in a digital world. SaaS DIY and freemium options, they contended, created more noise because they stirred sandbox-level excitement with toy prototypes rather than demonstrate success in their context, leveraging proven best practices in a production environment. What could we do to help?

Gartner has articulated an elegant architecture to address this strategic technology conundrum. They call it "Bimodal IT."* McKinsey calls it "two-speed IT." Simply put, systems of engagement require rapid innovation that must work with systems of record that require robust, slow-changing cadence. Moreover, the two layers must interoperate through open interfaces—the engagement layer rapidly delivering innovative and differentiated capabilities, leveraging data and context from the systems of record that must remain rock solid.

^{* &}quot;Predicts 2015: Bimodal IT is a Critical Capability for CIOs," Gartner research note #G00271840 by Simon Mongay and Mary Mesaglio, published November 18, 2014.

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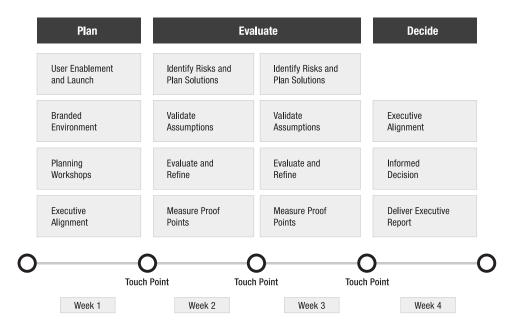
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