

The Impact of Cloud Adoption on the CIO role

Your guide to understanding the power, opportunities and pitfalls that decentralized IT spending brings to your organization.



Decentralized IT is giving your organization's business units more power, freedom and influence.

But what about the cost, governance and security implications that come with it?



Discover what CIOs and IT leaders are doing to manage these challenges and unlock the opportunities.

The shift in IT buying power

You've adopted the cloud across your organization and are seeing IT spend becoming more decentralized.

Business units hold the power and SaaS (Software as a Service) and IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service) are letting these teams make their own tech purchase decisions. Although, **IT is still responsible for budget, security and compliance**, so needs to define a new role for IT leaders – and a new way of working.



Address the challenges around cost and security

The opportunities are clear, **but so are the challenges.**

Concerns include:



Rising cloud costs



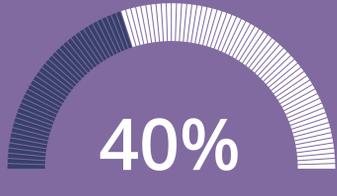
Integration with legacy technologies



Security



Auditing



of IT leaders are 'somewhat concerned' by the effect of increased business unit ownership.

IT leaders need to find a way to maintain control over business technology, without limiting the productivity of tech-reliant business units.



The challenge with: SaaS solutions

IT struggles to get the appropriate level of oversight to manage sprawl cost, compliance and security.

The challenge with: IaaS platforms

Investment in IaaS platforms drives business growth and innovation, but costs can quickly spiral out of control.

IT leaders are concerned about losing the ability to view and manage workloads across multiple on-premise and cloud environments.



The multiple concerns that IT leaders have with the shift in IT spending



Decentralized IT spending is putting IT leaders in a difficult situation when it comes to protecting the organization from audit exposure



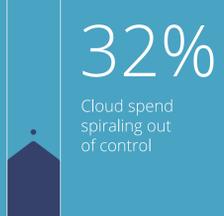
89% are worried about vendor audits for licensed software usage within IaaS environments



73% of organizations have been audited by at least one software vendor in the past 12 months

It's not just IT leaders who face multiple challenges with the spending shift

Organizations can expect to face challenges like:



of IT leaders believe they are judged on IT's effectiveness in driving business growth – not IT operational measures

What does this shift mean for the CIO role?

Many organizations are already seeing positive results from this new way of working. **Thanks to decentralized IT spend, CIOs and IT leaders are:**



Finding it easier to **command boardroom attention** as the leadership better manages digital



Investigating new ways to find and **analyze the usage and cost** of technologies

As business units continue to manage their own IT spend, IT leaders expect their roles to evolve

This is how:



But organizations will see benefits like:



Increased agility and innovation



IT can focus on more strategic initiatives



What does the future hold?

It's time to address how decentralized IT will **impact your organization** – and your job.

Find out how to minimize the challenges and unlock the benefits in our exclusive whitepaper by Snow Software and IDG connect:

What decentralized IT spending means for the CIO's role

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