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The State of GenAl through a Deloitte and Oracle Lens

Generative AI (GenAI) has taken the world by storm. During this time of lightning-fast advancement and adoption, business leaders are being challenged to discern between the hype surrounding GenAI and its genuine ability to disrupt and transform. At the same time, they are being tasked with figuring out how to keep up with a technology that is developing at a breakneck pace.

Feedback from those on the leading edge of GenAl adoption suggest that the path from promise to reality— and from uncertainty to stability—runs through real-world business use cases. Deloitte and Oracle are well-positioned to help functional and technical leaders walk that path. With GenAl embedded into Oracle's full stack of products and Deloitte launching its first wave of Oracle GenAl solutions, Deloitte and Oracle can help businesses across industries understand where they can apply GenAl today to generate tangible results.

As described in Deloitte's survey series, Now Decides Next: The State of Generative AI in the Enterprise, many business leaders realize it is time to get real about GenAI. The second quarterly research report, which is featured throughout this piece, shows that organizations are increasingly prioritizing value creation and demanding measurable results from their GenAI initiatives. Moreover, their next steps, whether scaling existing solutions or piloting new ones, may have outsized implications.

The defining time for GenAI is now. How leaders train, apply, govern and work with GenAI at this critical point in its development will determine its impact. Explore the findings from the report series, along with this document, to discover what distinguishes Deloitte and Oracle as the premier providers for those seeking to take the next steps on their AI journeys toward increased operational efficiency, reduced costs, and greater competitive advantage in their respective industries.





Now Decides Next: Oracle Perspective on Key Findings

Highlights from the State of Generative AI in the Enterprise Report: Value Creation



Proving, measuring and communicating value is crucial to an organization's GenAl journey. Survey respondents expect GenAl to deliver a broad range of benefits, with the most common objective—at least in the short term—being improved efficiency and productivity (56%). The percentage of respondents who said their organizations' GenAl initiatives were already achieving expected benefits to a "large" or "very large" extent is 18%–36%, depending on the type of benefit being pursued.

In the survey, many organizations reported they were increasingly emphasizing the need for GenAl initiatives and investments to have clear value objectives and deliver tangible results, rather than simply being viewed as experiments or learning experiences. That said, there are many ways to define and measure value—especially for a technology with the transformational potential of GenAl. Although financial return on investment (ROI) is important, value drivers such as innovation, strategic positioning and competitive differentiation can be even more important. Moreover, GenAl is so new—and advancing so quickly—that accurately estimating benefits is much harder than for an established technology with a proven track record. Therefore, many forward-thinking organizations are implementing GenAl without specific ROI targets as they realize they can't afford to get left behind in this critical and fast-moving market.

The immediate opportunity we have with GenAl is transform business processes and to bring efficiencies that aren't possible today. GenAl can significantly reduce, not eliminate, the time humans have to spend on these tasks.

- Greg Pavlik

Senior Vice President Al and Data Management Services Oracle Cloud Infrastructure



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The primary ways in which GenAl can transform organizations in the near- to mid-term include:

- Enhanced productivity: GenAl can automate tasks and improve workflow efficiency, enabling businesses to streamline their operations and boost productivity.
- Improved decision-making: GenAl can analyze large amounts of data quickly and accurately, providing valuable insights for making informed business decisions.
- **Innovation:** GenAl can accelerate the development of new products and services, giving businesses a competitive edge in the market.
- **Talent development:** GenAl can augment the capabilities of human workers, allowing them to focus on higher-value tasks and facilitating skill development.

Overall, GenAl has the potential to drive significant transformations in various industries, leading to improved efficiency, customer satisfaction, decision-making, and more.

Importantly, these benefits have a large and indispensable human component. While employees may worry that AI will replace them, the applications of AI thus far have been designed to do just the opposite: to reduce human effort in specific tasks, while assisting in problem-solving for more complex work.



Highlights from the State of Generative AI in the Enterprise Report: Building Trust

Lack of trust continues to be one of the biggest barriers to large-scale adoption and deployment of GenAl. In this context, two key aspects of trust are: (1) trust in the quality and reliability of GenAl's output (supported by improved transparency and explainability); and (2) trust from workers that GenAl will make their jobs easier and won't replace them.

Trust issues have not prevented organizations from rapidly adopting GenAl for experiments and proofs of concept, with 60% reporting they are effectively balancing rapid implementation with risk management. Trust is likely to become a bigger issue, however, as organizations transition to largescale deployment. Accordingly, many reported they are currently investing significant time and effort into building guardrails around GenAl. Nonetheless, the survey findings pointed to opportunities for improvement. Thirty-three percent of respondents cited lack of confidence in results as one of GenAl's top risks (third in the list of top 10 risks). And, only 36% of the organizations surveyed reported measuring worker trust and engagement as part of adapting their talent strategies to GenAl.

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Highlights from the State of Generative AI in the Enterprise Report: Evolving the Workforce

Workforce challenges affect GenAl scaling on both the front and back ends. On the front end, organizations need valuable and scarce talent with expertise in GenAl (and data management) to develop and refine their solutions. They also need the overall workforce to be comfortable enough with the technology to use it for improving efficiency and effectiveness. On the back end, organizations need to understand how the workforce could be affected by large-scale GenAl deployment and then develop talent strategies, programs and policies that make sense for the business and workers alike.

Three-quarters of survey respondents expect to change their talent strategies within two years in response to GenAl. The most expected talent strategy impacts are process redesign (48%) and upskilling or reskilling (47%). GenAl is expected to increase the value of some technology-centered skills (such as data analysis) as well as human-centered skills (such as critical thinking, creativity and flexibility), while decreasing the value of other skills.

A key challenge for today's organizations is understanding how to help workers harness the power of GenAl to do their jobs more efficiently and effectively and create more value for the business. In the near term, Al education and fluency will be especially important to fostering adoption and overcoming initial resistance to change. In the longer term, upskilling or reskilling and redesigning work processes and career paths will likely be essential for capturing GenAl's full value and positioning workers for future success.

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For many businesses today, a gap exists between their aspirations to deploy GenAl and their ability to do so. While many organizations are still navigating how they approach fine-tuning their workforce to meet the needs of an Al-enabled business environment, the question persists: How do they move forward with GenAl in the meantime, especially when waiting could mean being left behind?

To obtain the specialized knowledge they need, companies often take a multi-pronged approach. Some are investing in building up their own AI capabilities through reskilling and talent development as well as by hiring architects and data scientists to augment their teams. Others are engaging in those activities to some degree but are turning to service providers to quickly expand their capabilities and to access specialized skillsets around AI strategies, data management, model deployment, and more.

In addition to providing AI and GenAI services through the tech stack, Oracle's experience in data privacy, security and management can help customers get the most out of their business data. Additionally, Deloitte, with its significant investment in AI and cloud technologies over the last few years, can offer clients value-driven business transformation services leveraging GenAI.

Together, Oracle and Deloitte can help enterprises bridge their talent gaps so they can successfully navigate the complexities of implementing GenAl and begin unlocking its vast potential for tangible business impact.



It's an exciting time to be investing in GenAl, and with the right framework in place, our clients have massive potential to see great benefit from GenAl. The future can be limitless.

D'Arcy Mathias
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GenAI: The Time is Now

The Deloitte and Oracle alliance leverages innovative technologies to create value for businesses and society alike. Together, they strive to address complex challenges and create opportunities for clients to tap into the vast potential of GenAl to enhance operations, foster innovation, achieve new goals—and ultimately, to stay ahead in today's rapidly evolving landscape.

However, there is still much to discover with GenAl. As it matures and is deployed at scale for various applications, new questions and challenges will become clearer. However, it is imperative not to sit on the sidelines. If you're ready to get in the game—or if you're already in it—Deloitte and Oracle can help you make sense of this fast-moving space, consider practical guidance based on lessons learned, and peer into your business's future with GenAl.

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