



Ten Ways to Optimize Software Investment

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Automotive Ecosystem



Dealer Tech 2021 Report



16
&
\$30K
per month

#1 – Manage Contract Terms



Technology Obsolescence

- 2013 Forbes – Web-base Apps 3-5 year shelf life
- 2023 Google – 18-month inception to sunset cycle

Financed Asset History

- 1992 - 6-figure on-premise server investment
- 2002 – Transition to hosted server environments
- 2023 – Fractional space & Elastic Pools

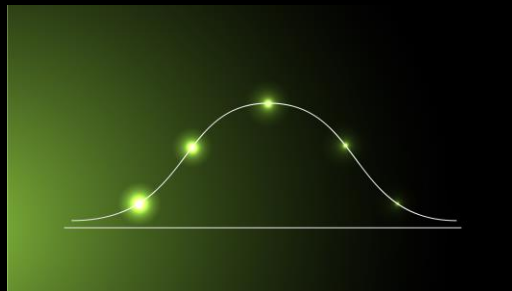
The Answer

Short Terms = Flexibility

Innovation	Latest and Greatest
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Industry	Adapt to the Market
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Consolidation	Business Opportunity
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- DMS
- CRM
- Desking
- Inventory
- Digital Retailing
- Credit
- Key Tracking
- Analytics/Reporting
- eContracting
- Equity Mining
- Registration & Titling
- Vehicle Appraisal
- Vehicle Scanning
- Website (admin)



Single Sign On

Security	Passwords- & MFA
Usage	Top of mind
Browser	Launch & Recovery
Integration	Efficient
Onboarding	Less to learn

#3 – Certified Secure



Ensure your software solutions are SOC 2 Certified



The Answer

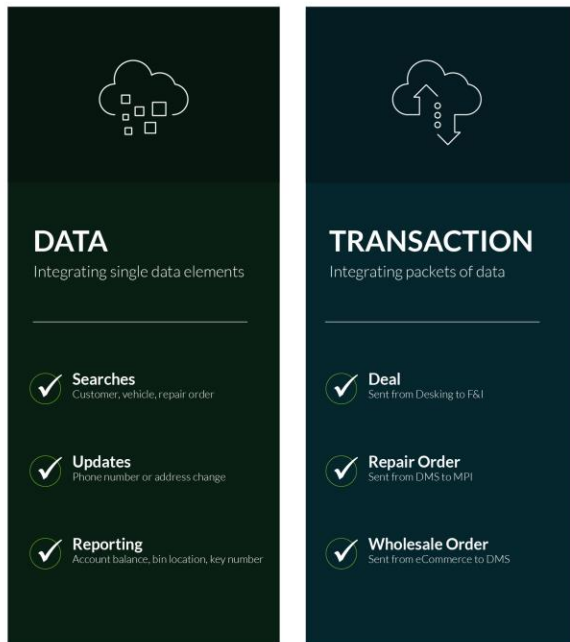
SOC Certified Solutions

Protocols	Controls & Services
Value	Trust
Security	Required
Cloud	Required
Frequency	Annual

#4 – Data vs. Transaction



Is your software ecosystem integrated at a data or transaction level?



The Answer

As much transaction integration as possible

Department of Labor Report 2021
– Time wasted re-entering existing data.

39%

#5 – Real Time



Are your transactions throttled?

Throttled

15
Minutes

Real-Time

<Second

The Answer

Cloud Native

Speed	Eliminates bottlenecks
Cost	Pay for what you use
Scale	Up or down in real-time
Reliability	High-Availability
Security	By Design

#6 – Outside of Ecosystem



Solutions for your business outside of Automotive!

Logistics	Business	A.I.
Speed	Insights	Innovation

- Status
- Costs
- Routing
- Weather

- Analytics
- Banking
- Productivity
- Professional

- Social Media
- A/R Coms
- Recalls

Expect More

Work Smarter

Adopt
Technology

The Answer

Truly Open Partners

2021 - ~200,000,000
public APIs

2024 – expected
>400,000,000 public APIs

Source DevOps.com

#7 – Partnered for You



Will your foundation solutions support partnerships that you need; OEM, State, and Market Driven?

Foundation Software

- DMS
- CRM

Foundation Focus

- Integration with a broad market
- Acquisition of new entrants
- Development of layered apps

The Answer

Best in Class

OEM

CSI Requirements

OEM

Service Retention

State

Taxes and Fees

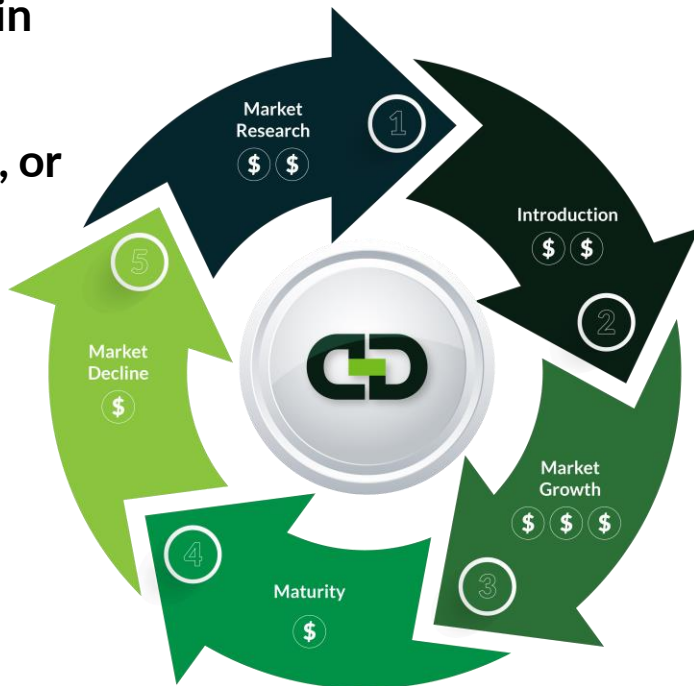
State

Consumer Protection

#8 – Ongoing Investment



Are you invested in solutions at the adoption curve's beginning, middle, or end?



The Answer

Align Innovation to Business Growth

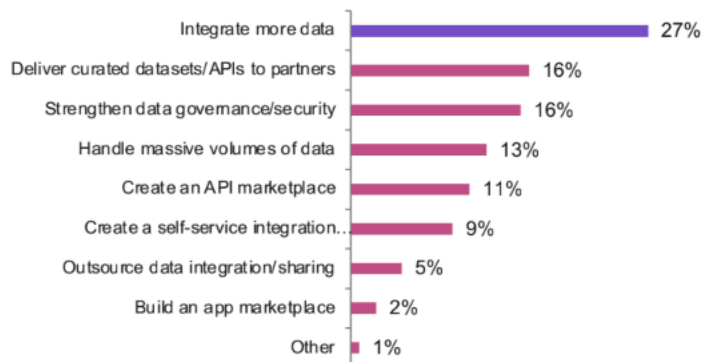
Introduction	Digital Retailing
Growth	Parts eCommerce
Mature	Accounting
Decline	Look towards Growth

#9 – Better Integrated with DMS



DMS providers, as a foundation software, need to lead the integration effort for your dealership

Data Integration Priorities over Next 2 years



Source: Dealer Tech 2021

The Answer

Modern, Open and Secure

Partner	More data
Partner	Secure
Partner	Efficient workflow
Partner	Dealer focus
Partner	Invest

#10 – Regularly Assessed



Subscription services. Do you still need them?

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2022 Dealer's Surveyed

16
&
\$25K

12
believed
&
18
Actual

The Answer

Quarterly audits

Usage

Is it used?

Term

Can I cancel it?

Cost

Am I getting value?

Certification

Must I have it?

Requested

Who wanted it? Are they still here?

In Summary

1. Manage Contract Terms
2. Look for ways to minimize user logins
3. Ensure your software is Certified and Secure
4. Integrate Transactions versus Data
5. Integrate real-time versus batch sweeps
6. Look for opportunities outside of automotive
7. Partner versus vendor
8. Ongoing investment
9. Better DMS integration
10. Regularly Assess





Thank you