

CRITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS WHEN
STARTING A SMART
CONNECTED PRODUCTS
(SCP) PROGRAM

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#### **COMMON REASONS IOT PROJECTS 'FAIL'**

Lack of compelling business case



Why are we doing this? What are the priorities?

**Underestimate the work** 



Will engineering figure it out?

How long will it take?

Poor customer adoption



Build it and they will pay Unclear 'what's in it for me?'

These are not technology challenges

#### Every IoT project is different

IoT projects have a lot of commonalities

Understanding them can help you avoid costly mistakes

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#### **IOT VALUE**

#### Reasons Companies Invest in IoT

#### **Grow Revenue**



New services
Product differentiation
Pay per use

#### **Reduce Service Costs**



Less travel
First time fix rate
Faster resolution time

#### Manage Risk



Regulatory requirements

Avoid litigation

Software/security updates

Do your customers share the same list of reasons?!

#### **IOT VALUE**

# Value is created when IoT data is used to make decisions or take actions

# What decisions will help your customers run their business better?

If my customer knew 'x', what would they do differently?

If I knew 'z', what could I do to help them?

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#### **IOT VALUE**

#### What do customers want from you?

#### **Improve Productivity**



Reduce unplanned downtime
Better planning

#### **Reduce Costs**



Maintenance reminders
Outsource expertise

#### Manage Risk



Advisory services
Software/security updates

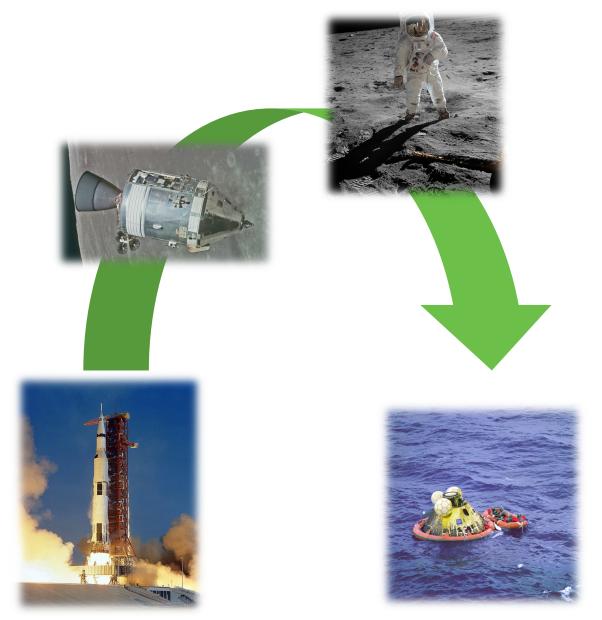
Developing this list is the key to customer adoption

#### **VISION STATEMENT**



I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth.

> John F. Kennedy Speech to Congress May 25, 1961



24 July 1969

#### **CREATING AN IOT VISION**







Business objective

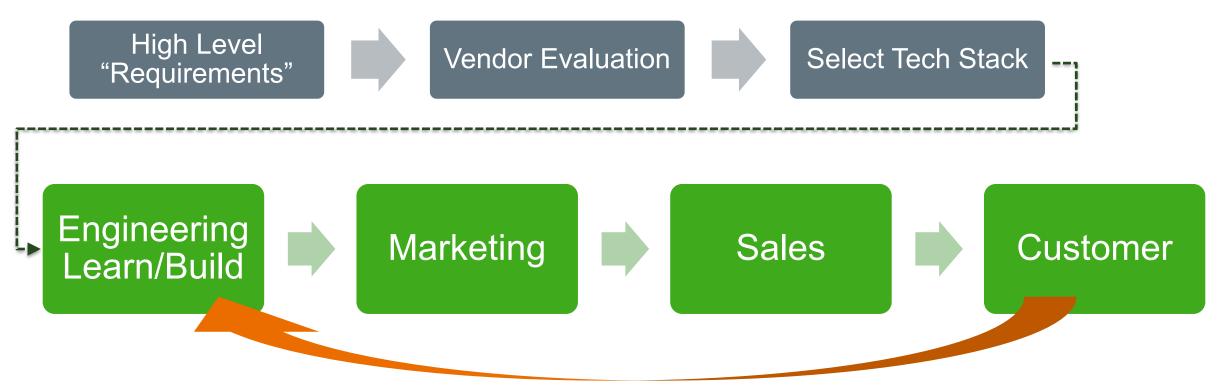
KPIs for measuring progress

**Target** 

#### Example:

We will deepen customer loyalty and produce new revenue by providing insights and services around the use of our equipment. We intend to have 20% of our customers paying for advisory services by end of 2025.

#### TYPICAL IOT PROJECT



- 1. Engineering designs to its interpretation of the wish list
- 2. Marketing doesn't start until engineering is done (some gaps found)
- 3. Sales learns how to present the story
- Customer has feedback that causes rework or extension of some elements

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### **IOT IS A JOURNEY**

#### **Route Guide**

#### **Benefits**



Focus on features that will encourage customer adoption

#### **Feedback**



Get customer feedback early and often

#### **Adapt**



You won't get everything perfect on the first try

#### Learn



Build the foundation first, then add as you learn

#### **GO TO MARKET**

- IoT is a tool it is not the value
- Don't expect customers to pay until you can prove value
- Customer examples and stories are your best proof
- Be prepared to answer technical and security questions

### May I have your car keys?

What went through your mind?

No!

Uh, why?

#### **CUSTOMER ADOPTION**

**Business Benefits** 



Perceived Risks

The default answer from IT is No...

The business buyer is required to get a Yes

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#### **MEASURING PROGRESS**

#### Common metrics

- Devices connected
- User logins
- Trips avoided
- Software updates delivered
- Customer satisfaction (NPS)

Build these KPIs into your project from the start – metrics can be hard to generate after the fact



Monthly reports illustrate unseen value



## #1 PREDICTOR OF IOT PROJECT SUCCESS...

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITMENT**

- Someone with authority must own the project and the budget
- Establish governance to ensure all departments work together
- Change requires urgency, accountability, and deadlines
- IoT is hard to do halfway or on the cheap



#### CONCLUSION

Value comes from using data – not collecting it

Have a compelling vision statement and business case

IoT success is not just about technology

Find experienced partners that can guide your journey

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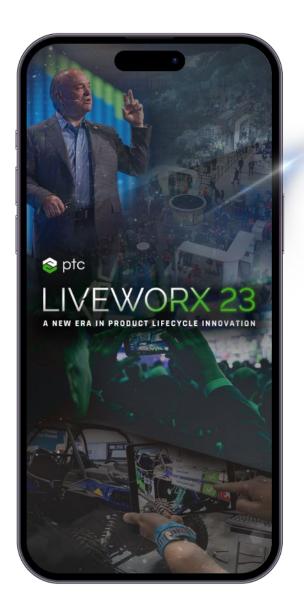
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