Accelerate your way through a successful transition
Developing leaders

The Deloitte Transition Lab, launched in 2011 is specifically designed to support leaders at the most challenging and critical times in their career.

Whether you are stepping up to a leadership role for the first time or are a seasoned Chief Information Officer (CIO), a structured plan is critical to success.

Transition Labs are designed and equally effective for:

- First time CIOs;
- Experienced CIOs moving industry or organisation; and
- CIOs looking to refresh their priorities and plan objectives in their current role, e.g. following change in leadership or a change in organisation strategy.

Every session in the Transition Lab is unique to the participant – no two Labs are the same – but our carefully researched methodology, tested approach and experience with over 500 Transition Labs in the UK alone means that you are guaranteed to find the day challenging and rewarding to help you succeed.
Time, talent & relationships

A single day to map the next six months

The Transition Lab is a one-day experience to ensure executives are equipped to hit the ground running and thrive in their new roles.

Our research has revealed that the three critical resources to enable success for CIOs are their time, talent and relationships.

You will be guided through the day by experienced facilitators as you create a bespoke plan.

Specifically you will:
• Define your aspirations;
• Consider where you spend your time;
• Assess your team and talent issues;
• Examine your relationships and influence; and
• Build your own 180 day plan.

Effective transitions

It is tough to be strategic when your services are on fire.

You have to assign power away quickly to those direct reports you trust.

The business views its projects as either a success or failure. There’s no in-between.

Quotes from others

The Transition Lab is based on targeted research and interviews with CIOs who have previously navigated transitions. In more than 700 conversations conducted in the UK, across EMEA and the US, CIOs discussed the challenges they faced and successes they achieved during their first 180 days in the role, informing the Transition Lab structure and methodology.

I felt I had six months to re-recruit my team, and show my team I was going to do something different.

It’s critical to have access to and support from the right people to make a change. A strong IT governance process can solve a lot of problems.
**Define your aspirations**

**Hopes, concerns & legacy**

**What do you want to be remembered for?** We start the day exploring your hopes and concerns, and defining the legacy you wish to leave behind. The day is then focussed around making your vision a reality.

**Carrying the torch requires long-term vision that keeps the business strategy in sight**

Too often, the urgent crowds out the important, and the things that really matter get set to one side.

It starts by aligning where you want to go, with where the company needs to be. Then, decisions can be made about the priorities that will advance the larger vision, the vision for which you will be remembered.

**Important** It needs to be planned now and executed over the long-term because of its strategic benefit.

**Urgent** It needs to be done immediately but can distract from the priorities that will advance the long-term business strategy.

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**Consider where you spend your time**

**The Four Faces model**

As a leader, there are endless demands on your time. The most successful CIOs determine early on how to balance their time and energy across four critical dimensions. Based on our research with CIOs, we have developed the Four Faces model, which examines the roles and responsibilities in four key areas.

The Lab addresses the Four Faces model, helps you to understand where you spend your time and where you wish to focus in the longer term:

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**Current% vs. Future%**

(time allocation)

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**Focus**

**What Matters**

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- **Catalyst**: Instigate transformational change involving business strategy, operations and technology.
- **Strategist**: Partner with the business to shape new business strategies and align business and technology investments to maximise results.
- **Technologist**: Leverage technologies and enterprise architecture to manage complexity and improve business agility. Employ disruptive and enabling technologies wherever appropriate.
- **Operator**: Operate and deliver efficient IT services, information and analyses to support the business while managing risk and protecting core assets.
Assess and agree what’s important and urgent

Using the Four Faces model, the Lab gives you the opportunity to reflect on which key priorities will determine your success.

You will think and talk this through systematically, looking at alignment between your stakeholders’ expectations, the wider organisation’s strategy and your desired legacy.

Key considerations
- Be wary of letting the urgent crowd out the important.
- What has the potential to slow you down? Are you covering or mitigating it adequately?
- What are the big issues?
- What and where are the largest drains on resources – either time or money?

Define your key priorities

High urgency

High importance
Assess your team & talent issues

Your organisation chart

Getting to the heart of talent issues quickly is at the centre of every successful transition story.

Figuring out which team members will advance your priorities is critical and needs to occur in an unbiased environment. As you progress through the Lab, structured exercises will reveal when “A” talent must be applied to a priority and where “C” talent could become a liability.

You will address questions such as:
• Who are your go-to people?
• Who are your flight risks?
• Which resources can you use for your priorities?

How will you recruit and retain talent?

What skills do you need to move your priorities forward?

Where can you settle for B-team people?

Who can you develop vs. replace?

Do you have a succession plan?
Examine relationships & influence

Stakeholder analysis
Managing relationships is key, your success will depend on having a plan.

Right away you want to connect to and establish relationships with people who matter, and then consider the major issues you will be facing with them and how these could be tackled.

You will:
- Explore critical stakeholders’ agendas and their level of support for you.
- Brainstorm what strategies can be used to successfully influence them.
- Understand differences in communication styles, and learn to adapt your communications to the personalities of various stakeholders.
- Use insights into individual working styles and preferences to most effectively engage with stakeholders.

Your 180-day plan

Put it all together
Moving from intent to action requires a plan.

Your Lab culminates in the creation of a plan that you are confident to execute. The plan is populated with relevant milestones including issues that require immediate attention, as well as longer-term priorities that are critical to the success of the organisation and your legacy.

The Lab is customised to your top priorities and based on the identified actions and how you will use your time, talent and relationships to achieve success.
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