

WINNING DIGITAL CUSTOMERS

The Antidote to Irrelevance

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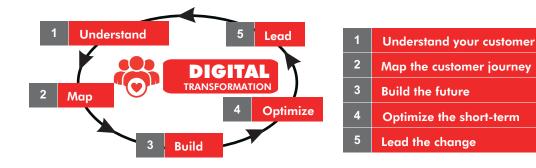
If you're trying to make your brand really stand out in today's digital world, how do you achieve that? There's really only one way – you have to get your digital customers to love your brand. That happens only if they feel connected, and have faith that your brand will give them what they need.

So what does it take to be loved? You've got to stand for something that resonates with your customers, and they need to see your values in action. In a world filled with online customers, the "Digital Transformation Formula" is a five-step process:



"While digital may not be the only thing that matters, for most businesses, if you aren't delivering on digital, you absolutely aren't meeting your customers' needs. This is why I call today's customers "digital customers" as a reminder that no matter what business you are in, the vast majority of your customers today are living a lifestyle that has digital at the center. Digital is so important to customers' lives today that if you aren't delivering an excellent digital experience, you are also quite likely not aligned with their values. If a company is successful today, it's not because they are a digital business, but because they are resonating with an audience of digital customers."

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your offering, and what you can therefore do to trigger more future behaviors which are aligned with your business goals. Identify what is a great digital experience for them.	
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Map out your current customer experience in detail, so you have a baseline against which to measure improvements. Define the steps customers go through to do business with you today, pain points to be eliminated, and your vision for the ideal customer experience.	
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Start working towards your ideal digital customer experience by identifying the technical, organizational, and operational roadblocks that presently exist. Start designing the breakthroughs you will need to deliver on your vision.	
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Building the future will take time, so start building momentum by going after the low hanging fruit first. Look at things you can change quickly to enhance the customer experience. Identify and fix things to generate some early wins and quick hits.	
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Make sure your leadership signs on to keep working on the digital transformation until you achieve your vision. Without this buy-in, you won't be able to overcome the challenges and resistance which inevitably arise. Get everyone on board with where you're going.	