



# A Roadmap to Building Value through IT Finance



## Defining the Right Mission



## **Building the Right Team**



## **Getting the Right Tools**



### **Executive Summary**

#### **Key Outcomes:**

- Demonstrating the Value of IT (IT spend is not clearly aligned with business outcomes)
- **Driving Cost Optimization** (the business consumes IT like it's free)
- Enabling Informed Decision-Making (Inaccurate or missing data drives uninformed, emotional decisions)

#### After this session, you'll be able to:

- Clearly articulate the value of IT Finance
- Define what success looks like for IT Finance
- Build your IT Finance team with the right skill set
- Become a trusted advisor to the business and IT



### Transparency + Insight = Your Value

- Creating transparency and providing visibility
- Translating and delivering insight
- Continually teach and educate stakeholders
- Value = Stakeholders make informed decisions = Optimized costs







## Common Challenges & Business Outcomes



### Common Challenges & Initiatives

- Challenges Common challenges for IT & IT Finance
- Initiatives Business & IT initiatives supported by ITFM

Challenges	Initiatives
<ul> <li>Uncontrolled run costs – need to shift to innovation</li> <li>Rising IT costs – not clearly aligned with business value</li> <li>Unplanned, unbudgeted spend</li> <li>IT has a poor reputation with the business</li> <li>Perpetual reactive mode</li> <li>Endless questions about costs</li> <li>Moving too slowly</li> <li>Manually translating between Finance &amp; IT</li> <li>Inaccurate data</li> <li>Uninformed, emotional decisions</li> <li>Time wasted on ad-hoc analysis</li> <li>Business consumes IT like it's free</li> <li>Comparisons to cloud vendors</li> <li>Pressure to do more with less</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cost Optimization</li> <li>Cost Transparency</li> <li>Digital Transformation</li> <li>Service Transformation</li> <li>Hybrid IT</li> <li>Multi-Cloud</li> <li>DevOps</li> <li>Agile</li> <li>Benchmarking</li> <li>ITFM Process Automation</li> </ul>



### **Start with Desired Business Outcomes**

IT Planning	Cost Transparency		
• Enable informed decision-making			
<ul> <li>Enable multi-year rolling forecast</li> <li>Reduce budgeting cycles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partner with the business - Elevate IT</li> <li>Demonstrate IT value - In language the business understands</li> <li>Cost Optimization - Manage and control IT service usage and</li> </ul>		
Eliminate variance	consumption		
<ul> <li>Reduce inflated budgets: Optimize spend and transition</li> </ul>	Enable informed decision-making		
from run costs to <b>funding innovation</b>	Shift run-to-change: Optimize RTB spend to fund future digital		
<ul> <li>Improve accountability: Make budget owners accountable and avoid unplanned spend</li> </ul>	business innovation		
	Provide a deep understanding of infrastructure usage and costs		
Proactively manage IT spend variance	<ul> <li>Visibility into consolidated cloud costs (inside and outside IT)</li> <li>Better align resources to business priorities</li> </ul>		
Tune your plan & update forecasts accurately			
Identify discretionary spend: Increase forecast frequency - identify shortfalls or overruns faster	Enable application rationalization		
	Enable shared accountability of IT costs		
Optimize vendor spend			



## IT Finance Approach



### Visibility Into Key Spend Viewpoints

#### **GL ACCOUNTS**

- GL & AP Data
- Cost Center / Account

#### **SERVICES**

 Compute, Servers, Storage, AD, Desktops, Laptops, etc.

#### **CONSUMERS & APPLICATIONS**

- Consumers (100%)
- Application or End User

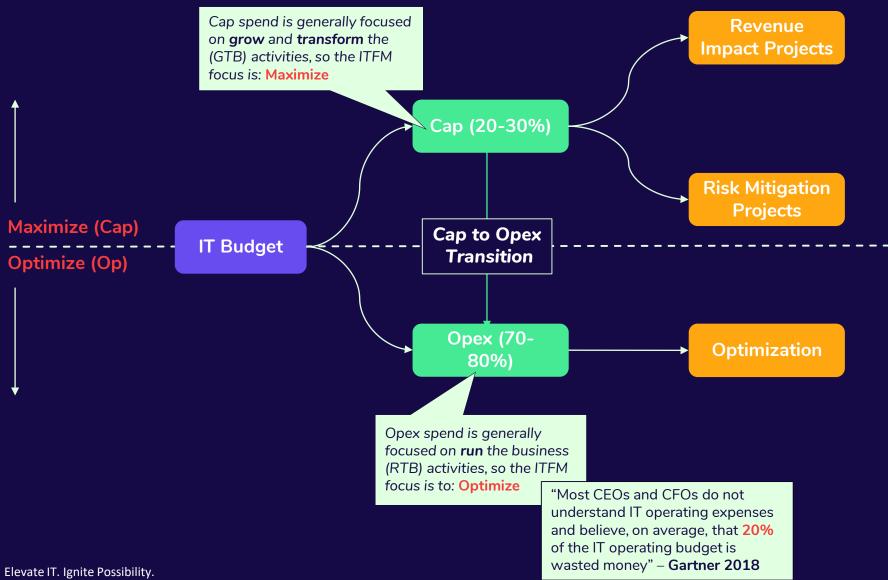
#### **BUSINESS CAPABILITIES**

- Apps grouped and allocated to business services
- Business Service Metrics





#### How IT Dollars Are Spent: Optimize & Maximize



### **Stakeholder Value Matrix**

Stakeholder	Planning	Services View	Consumer View	Application TCO	Business Capabilities View
CIO		<ul><li> Drive down unit rates</li><li> Benchmarking</li></ul>	Demonstrates value of IT		Aligns IT spend to business value
CFO	<ul><li>Faster, more detailed analysis</li><li>Better control</li></ul>				
Business Leader			<ul><li> Understands value of IT</li><li> Gains control of consumption</li></ul>		Aligns IT spend to business value
Service Owner		<ul><li> Drive down unit rates</li><li> Benchmarking</li></ul>			
Application Owner				Application rationalization	

## **Keys to Success**





#### **Keys to Success**

#### **Define Your Mission**

- Drive Business Outcomes
- Align with CIO Initiatives

#### **Engage ITFM Stakeholders**

- CIO
- CFO
- Service/Product Owners
- Application Owners
- Business Leaders
- Corporate FP&A

#### **Provide Insights**

- Give relevant, actionable analysis and data
- Go beyond just providing transparency provide insights and context as well





### **Build the Foundation**





#### **Build the Foundation**

- Executive Support
- Quality Staff
  - Analysts +
  - Critical thinkers
  - Data and process expertise
  - Advanced communication skills
    - Engage leadership (in the business & IT)
    - Be analysts and educators...
- Quality processes, policies, tools, and data

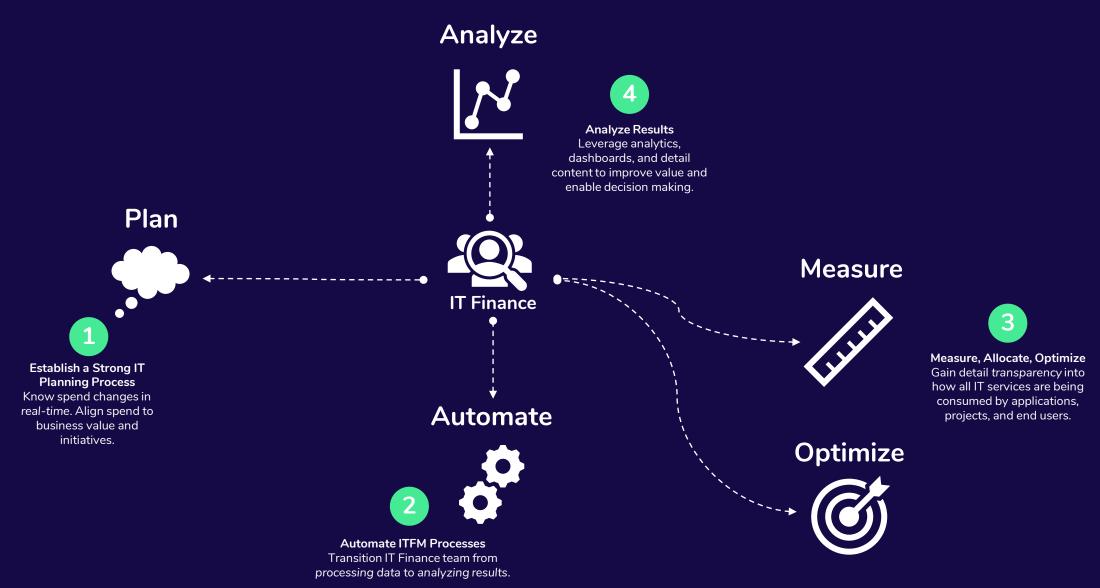




## Modernize IT Finance



#### How to Modernize IT Financial Management





### Measuring and Communicating Success

- Measuring success Stakeholder feedback and use cases
- Communicating success Promote your program

### 3 Phases of Transparency



- ★ Challenge Phase:
  - **Educate** Be prepared to educate your consumer on the insights the data provides.
  - **Defend** Be prepared to defend your model this will require accuracy & detail.

## **Building Trust**

Superior level of detail

Thorough answers

Rapid response



### Stay Focused on Value & Outcomes

- Do stakeholders understand their data?
- Does it enable impactful decision making?
- Has it improved your relationship with the consumer?
- Do consumers value IT and what the services provides?





## Thank You



