Digital Strategy: Influences of Stakeholders, Big Data, Organizational Culture, and Leadership

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	This paper explores the role of big data organizational culture in driving digitalization strategies in the hospitality industry. It identifies five key factors—customer orientation, supplier collaboration, employee IT proficiency, leadership commitment, and the interaction between big data culture and digitalization outcomes—whose influence on strategic digital transformation is investigated. A quantitative methodology is adopted to collect data from hospitality organizations between 2020 and 2023. Five hypotheses are tested by using regression techniques. The study shows that the customer orientation, supplier collaboration, and employee IT proficiency are strongly associated with digital strategy adoption. Leadership commitment moderates these effects. In addition, big data culture positively moderates the effect of digitalization on organizational outcomes, suggesting the need to nurture data-driven decision-making. Despite its contributions, the study acknowledges limitations, such as relying on short-term data and difficulties in generalizing results to smaller organizations. Future research should expand the scope to diverse contexts, address long-term trends, and incorporate additional moderating factors to deepen insights. These findings underscore the critical role of big data culture in shaping digital transformation strategies, offering practical implications for the hospitality industry's ongoing digital evolution.

Introduction

This section discusses the significance of big data organizational culture in facilitating digitalization strategies in the hospitality industry. The paper tackles the practical and theoretical implications of how big data culture drives strategy digital transformation. There are five sub-research questions within the core research question. They include whether customer orientation impacts the adoption of a digital strategy, whether collaboration with suppliers increases digitalization, what is the impact of employee IT proficiency on digital transformation, what is the role of leadership commitment as a moderator variable, and the interaction of big data culture with digitalization outcomes. It is a quantitative study focusing on the relationship between independent variables, that is, customer orientation, supplier collaboration, employee IT proficiency, and dependent variables, that is, big data culture, adoption of digitalization strategy. Paper follows a structured approach starting with literature review, methodology, results, and a concluding discussion, systematically investigating the role of big data culture in hospitality industry digitalization.

Literature Review

This section critically reviews extant research on how big data organizational culture influences the adoption of digitalization strategy in hospitality. It is organized around five core areas derived from our sub-research questions, that are customer orientation's impact on digital strategy adoption, the role played by supplier collaboration towards digitalization, the effect exerted by employee IT proficiency on digital transformation, the moderating effect of leadership commitment, and the interaction between big data culture and the outcomes of digitalization. These questions are specific enough to highlight the different aspects of big data culture: "Impact of Customer Orientation on Digital Strategy Adoption," "Role of Supplier Collaboration in Enhancing Digitalization," "Effect of Employee IT Proficiency on Digital Transformation," "Moderating Effect of Leadership Commitment," and "Interaction between Big Data Culture and Digitalization Outcomes." While there has been enough progress to make hypotheses meaningful, key gaps do exist, such as a lack of evidence concerning long-term effects and insufficient data on relationships between variables. Every chapter presents a hypothesis with respect to the interplay between the variables.

- Influence of Customer Orientation on Adopting Digital Strategy

Initial research explored how customer orientation influences digital strategy adoption, focusing on immediate impacts. Early studies highlighted short-term benefits but lacked comprehensive longitudinal analysis. Subsequent studies improved methodologies to assess ongoing effects, yet the correlation between customer orientation and sustainable digital transformation remains underexplored. The latest research attempts to fill these gaps but still lacks sufficient evidence on long-term impacts. Hypothesis 1: Customer orientation positively influences the adoption of digitalization strategies in the hospitality industry.

- Role of Supplier Collaboration in Digitalization

The initial studies regarding the role of supplier collaboration in digitalization measured the benefits of short-term projects. The mid-term research was more extensive but frequently overlooked the larger strategic implications. Current studies have broadened the scope but still cannot point to a causal relationship between collaboration and success in digital strategy. Hypothesis 2: Supplier collaboration strongly improves the implementation of digitalization strategies in the hospitality industry.

- Impact of Employee IT Literacy on Digital Transformation

Initial researches were on immediate impacts of employee IT proficiency on digital transformation, which established short-term benefits but were not long-term. Mid-term research started to associate IT skills with long-term digital success, but comprehensive analyses are still required. Recent efforts have improved but are still insufficient to fully explore long-term impacts. Hypothesis 3: Employee IT proficiency positively affects the adoption of digitalization strategies in the hospitality industry.

- Moderating Effect of Leadership Commitment

Early studies on the moderating role of leadership commitment toward digitalization strategy were limited to narrow generalization. Later, studies based on mid-term research developed breadth but failed to capture interactive influences. Most recent research now uses larger datasets but remain partially representative. Hypothesis 4: Leadership commitment is a moderating influence that affects the relationship between big data culture and adopting the digitalization strategy.

- Big Data Culture × Digitalization Outcome Interaction

Early literature examined the interaction between big data culture and digitalization outcomes in isolation, often using case studies. Mid-term research was able to expand scope but found it difficult to generalize findings. Recent studies try to fill this gap with larger datasets but still lack robustness. Hypothesis 5: Big data culture positively interacts with digitalization strategy adoption to enhance outcomes in the hospitality industry.

Method

This section details the quantitative methodology employed in exploring the hypothesized relationship. It details how the data was collected, what variables were used, and what statistical methods were applied for accurate and reliable analysis regarding the effects of customer orientation, supplier collaboration, employee IT proficiency, and leadership commitment in terms of digital strategy adoption.

Data

Data for this study are collected through surveys and interviews with hospitality industry professionals, conducted between 2020 and 2023. Primary sources include digital transformation reports, big data culture assessments, and leadership commitment evaluations. Stratified sampling ensures representation across various hospitality sectors, focusing on organizations with established digital strategies. Sample criteria include organizations with varying levels of customer orientation, supplier collaboration, and IT proficiency. This structured approach provides a comprehensive dataset for analyzing the impact of big data culture on digital strategy adoption.

Variables

The independent variables are customer orientation, supplier collaboration, and employee IT skills. The dependent variables are big data culture and the adoption of digitalization strategies. Leadership commitment is the moderator used in this research study. Control variables used in the study include organizational size, market segment, and technological infrastructure. This study employs classic control variables like industry growth rate and competitive dynamics to refine the analysis. Literature from sources like the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management supports the reliability of these variable measurement methods. Regression analysis is used to explore relationships, focusing on causality and significance to test the hypotheses.

Results

Findings Start with a Descriptive Statistical Analysis of Data Collected From the Years 2020 to 2023 on Big Data Culture's Impact on Adoption in the Hospitality Industry. These analyses depict distributions for independent variables (customer orientation, supplier collaboration, employee IT competence), dependent variables (big data culture, digitalization strategy adoption), and control variables (organizational size, market segment). Regression analyses confirm five hypotheses. Hypothesis 1 establishes that customer orientation positively affects the adoption of digital strategy by showing an increase in the digital engagement metrics. Hypothesis 2 illustrates that supplier collaboration significantly impacts digital strategy adoption by exhibiting improvement in collaborative innovation metrics. Hypothesis 3 shows that employee IT proficiency positively impacts digital strategy adoption by demonstrating an increase in proficiency and adoption rates. Hypothesis 4 shows that leadership commitment acts as a moderator of the big data culture and adoption of digital strategy, enhancing strategic alignment. Lastly, Hypothesis 5 underlines the positive interaction between big data culture and adoption of the digitalization strategy, which results in better digital outcomes. The findings describe how big data culture and strategic variables are driving digital transformation in the hospitality industry.

Influence of Customer Orientation on Adoption of Digital Strategy

This finding validates Hypothesis 1, positing a positive relationship between customer orientation and digitalization strategy adoption. Analysis of survey data from 2020 to 2023 shows that organizations with strong customer orientation report higher digital engagement metrics. Independent variables include customer orientation levels, while dependent variables focus on digital strategy adoption indicators like engagement and conversion rates. The correlation suggests that customer-centric approaches drive digital transformation. Empirical significance is in line with the theories of service-dominant logic, where the focus is on customer value being the driver for digital adoption. This finding indicates a gap in linking customer orientation to digital outcomes and therefore how the alignment of customer strategy and digital initiatives can become an important aspect.

- Supplier Collaboration in Digitalization

This finding supports Hypothesis 2, suggesting that supplier collaboration significantly enhances digitalization strategy adoption. The data of several hospitality organizations between 2020 and 2023 indicates that collaboration results in enhanced innovation and success in the strategy of digitization. Independent variables are supplier collaboration levels, and dependent variables are metrics for digital innovation and strategy adoption. This correlation indicates that collaborative networks help organizations utilize the shared resources and expertise in digital transformation. Empirical significance supports theories on collaborative advantage, which focus on partnerships driving strategic innovation. The findings fill gaps in understanding how supplier collaboration impacts, thereby underscoring the relevance of strategic alliances in digitalization.

- Effect of Employee IT Proficiency on Digital Transformation

The result supports Hypothesis 3, such that employee IT proficiency is positively associated with the adoption of digitalization strategy. Analysis of employee skill data from 2020 to 2023 reveals that organizations with higher IT proficiency levels report increased digital strategy success. Independent variables include IT proficiency levels, while dependent variables focus on digital adoption metrics like technology use and implementation rates. The correlation indicates that skilled employees facilitate digital transformation through effective technology use. Empirical implications suggest that investment in IT skills develops digital capability, which corresponds to human capital theories that identify skill building as an important factor in digital success. This finding points out that workforce development is a critical linkage in filling gaps between IT proficiency and digital outcomes.

- Moderating Effect of Leadership Commitment

This finding supports Hypothesis 4, which suggests that leadership commitment moderates the big data culture and adoption of digitalization strategy relationship. From the analysis of leadership data from 2020 to 2023, strong leadership commitment strengthens strategic alignment and has great effects on digital outcomes. The independent variable is the level of commitment and leadership. The dependent variable is strategic alignment with addition metrics in digital adoption. The correlation further suggests that highly committed leaders provide the vision and resources needed for successful digital transformation. Empirical significance is aligned with transformational leadership theories which stand by the role of leaders in driving strategic change. This finding points out the significance of leadership in digital strategy success by filling gaps in understanding the moderating effects of leadership.

- Interaction between Big Data Culture and Digitalization Outcomes

This finding confirms Hypothesis 5, which underlines the positive interaction between big data culture and the adoption of a digitalization strategy to enhance outcomes. Analysis of the data on big data culture for the period 2020-2023 reveals that data-driven cultures are associated with increased digital outcomes such as efficiency and innovation. Independent variables will be big data culture levels while dependent variables will include digital outcomes metrics. The relationship thus indicates that data-driven cultures are associated with a greater effectiveness of digital strategy. Empirical significance in alignment with data-driven decision-making theories that emphasize the role of data in strategic success. By pointing out gaps in connecting data culture to digital results, this result shows how it is necessary to promote data-driven cultures in digital transformation.

Conclusion

This paper is a synthesis of evidence of the influence of big data organizational culture on the adoption of digitalization strategy by the hospitality industry. Its four roles are customer orientation, supplier collaboration, employee IT proficiency, and commitment of leadership. Such findings set up big data culture as an essential enabler for strategic digital transformation. However, the reliance on recent data might not capture long-term trends, and data availability is constrained, especially in smaller organizations. Future research should look into broader organizational contexts and consider other moderating factors to deepen insights into big data culture dynamics. This approach will bridge current gaps and refine strategies to meet the evolving needs of the hospitality industry, enhancing the practical applications of big data culture in digitalization. By addressing these areas, future studies can provide a more comprehensive understanding of how big data culture contributes to strategic digital transformation across various contexts.

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