

Smart Management Frameworks for Digital Organizations

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Abstract

Smart management frameworks are becoming increasingly important for digital organizations seeking to coordinate technological resources, organizational processes, workforce capabilities, and strategic decision-making. The integration of artificial intelligence, big data analytics, cloud computing, Internet of Things, digital platforms, and automation has changed conventional management practices and created new requirements for organizational adaptability. This study examines smart management frameworks for digital organizations, focusing on intelligent decision-making, digital leadership, data-driven management, process automation, workforce coordination, organizational agility, and technology-enabled strategic planning.

A qualitative descriptive and conceptual research design was adopted using secondary academic literature. The analysis indicates that smart management frameworks can support real-time information processing, operational coordination, strategic responsiveness, resource optimization, and continuous organizational learning. Data-driven management enables organizations to utilize information for planning and performance evaluation, while artificial intelligence can support forecasting and decision processes. Cloud technologies and digital platforms can facilitate collaboration and distributed organizational operations. However, effective implementation is influenced by cybersecurity, data privacy, technological complexity, employee skills, organizational resistance, governance requirements, and integration challenges.

The study emphasizes that smart management should combine technological capabilities with human expertise, organizational learning, responsible governance, and strategic alignment. The findings suggest that digital organizations require flexible management frameworks capable of responding to technological developments, changing customer expectations, competitive pressures, and evolving economic conditions.

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1. Introduction

Digital transformation has fundamentally changed how organizations coordinate resources, communicate with stakeholders, manage employees, and make strategic decisions. Organizations increasingly use artificial intelligence, cloud computing, big data analytics, digital platforms,

automation, and connected technologies to improve operational and managerial activities. These developments have created digital organizational environments in which information can be generated and processed continuously. Consequently, conventional management approaches are being supplemented by smart management frameworks that emphasize real-time information, technological integration, organizational flexibility, and evidence-informed decision-making.

Smart management frameworks involve the coordinated use of digital technologies, managerial capabilities, organizational processes, and analytical information to improve organizational performance. Artificial intelligence can support prediction and pattern recognition, while data analytics can provide information for planning and performance evaluation. Cloud computing can enable flexible access to organizational resources, and digital platforms can support communication and collaboration across geographically distributed teams. These capabilities allow managers to respond more rapidly to changing organizational and market conditions.

Digital organizations also require management approaches that support employee collaboration and continuous learning. Digital technologies can facilitate remote work, virtual communication, knowledge sharing, workflow management, and performance monitoring. However, technology alone cannot ensure effective organizational outcomes. Employees require appropriate digital competencies, managers need to understand technological capabilities and limitations, and organizations must establish cultures that support innovation and adaptation. Smart management therefore requires alignment between technology, people, organizational processes, and strategic objectives.

Data has become another central component of digital organizational management. Organizations can collect information from customers, employees, business processes, connected devices, and digital platforms. Analytics can transform these data into information that supports resource allocation, performance monitoring, customer management, and strategic planning. However, the increased use of organizational data creates challenges involving privacy, cybersecurity, data governance, quality, and responsible information management. Smart management frameworks must therefore incorporate appropriate safeguards and governance mechanisms.

The development of digital organizations also requires continuous organizational adaptation. Technological environments change rapidly, while customer expectations, competitive structures, workforce arrangements, and regulatory requirements continue to evolve. Smart management frameworks should consequently remain flexible and capable of integrating emerging technologies without compromising organizational stability. This study examines smart management frameworks for digital organizations by focusing on technological foundations, managerial applications, organizational contributions, implementation challenges, and future development opportunities.

2. Objectives of the Study

Primary Objective

The primary objective of this study is to examine smart management frameworks for digital organizations by analyzing artificial intelligence, data analytics, digital platforms, cloud technologies, automation, digital leadership, organizational agility, workforce development, and technology-enabled strategic management.

2.1 Examination of Smart Management Technologies

The first objective is to examine the major technologies supporting smart management in digital organizations, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, cloud computing, Internet of Things, digital platforms, automation, and business intelligence. The study investigates how these technologies can support organizational planning, resource management, performance monitoring, communication, workflow coordination, and strategic decision-making. Attention is given to the integration of technological systems with managerial processes to create more responsive and information-oriented organizational environments.

The objective also examines the organizational capabilities required for effective technology integration. Digital infrastructure, data quality, employee competencies, leadership support, and organizational culture influence the success of smart management initiatives. Organizations need to establish appropriate processes for technology adoption, information governance, system integration, and employee development. The study therefore considers technological capabilities alongside organizational readiness to understand how digital tools can be converted into practical management value.

2.2 Assessment of Digital Management Applications

The second objective is to assess applications of smart management frameworks in strategic planning, operational management, workforce coordination, customer relationship management, performance evaluation, resource allocation, and organizational communication. Digital technologies can provide managers with real-time information and analytical capabilities that support evidence-informed decisions. Automation can facilitate routine activities, while digital platforms can improve collaboration and information sharing. These applications can contribute to organizational responsiveness and flexibility when technological capabilities are appropriately aligned with business requirements.

The study further examines the contribution of smart management to organizational agility and innovation. Digital organizations need to respond to changing customer expectations, competitive pressures, technological developments, and economic conditions. Data analytics and intelligent systems can provide information for identifying emerging trends and evaluating organizational performance. Digital collaboration technologies can also support distributed teams and knowledge sharing. The objective therefore focuses on how smart management frameworks can integrate technological, managerial, and human capabilities to support continuous organizational adaptation.

2.3 Identification of Implementation Challenges

The third objective is to identify challenges associated with implementing smart management frameworks, including cybersecurity risks, data privacy concerns, technological complexity, employee resistance, skill shortages, infrastructure requirements, integration difficulties, and governance issues.

Digital organizations often depend on interconnected technological systems, making effective management increasingly dependent on reliable infrastructure and information security. Understanding these challenges is necessary for developing frameworks that support technological innovation while maintaining organizational stability and responsible management practices.

The objective also considers the human dimension of digital management. Employees need appropriate digital competencies to work effectively within technology-enabled environments, while managers require knowledge of data analytics and emerging technologies.

Organizational leadership must coordinate technological investments with strategic objectives and employee needs. The study therefore treats smart management as a multidimensional process involving technology, people, processes, governance, and strategy. Such an approach can support more sustainable and adaptable digital organizational development.

3. Review of Literature

3.1 Digital Transformation and Organizational Management

Vial (2019) examined digital transformation as a process through which digital technologies can disrupt existing organizational structures and influence approaches to value creation. The study emphasized that digital transformation involves organizational changes rather than technology adoption alone. This perspective is important for smart management frameworks because managers must coordinate technological resources with organizational processes, employee capabilities, and strategic objectives. The literature indicates that digital transformation requires organizations to develop adaptive capabilities and reconsider established management practices.

Verhoef et al. (2021) developed a multidisciplinary perspective on digital transformation and identified technological, organizational, and customer-related dimensions of transformation. Their work suggests that organizations need to develop digital capabilities while modifying organizational structures and processes. The literature supports the importance of integrated management frameworks that connect technology with organizational strategy. Smart management therefore requires continuous adaptation, digital leadership, employee development, and customer-oriented processes to respond effectively to changing digital environments.

3.2 Data-Driven and Intelligent Management

Chen, Chiang, and Storey (2012) examined business intelligence and analytics and highlighted the increasing importance of analytical technologies for organizational decision-making. Data analytics can provide organizations with information that supports planning, performance assessment, customer management, and operational decisions. This literature provides a foundation for smart management because digital organizations increasingly depend on data to understand internal processes and external environments. Effective management requires not only data availability but also analytical capabilities that transform information into meaningful organizational insights.

Davenport and Ronanki (2018) examined practical organizational applications of artificial intelligence and identified cognitive insight, process automation, and customer engagement as important application categories. Their work demonstrates that AI can contribute to organizational processes when applications are connected to specific business needs. The literature indicates that smart management can use AI for analytical and operational support while maintaining human involvement in strategic decisions. Successful implementation requires appropriate data, organizational readiness, process integration, and clearly defined objectives.

3.3 Digital Leadership and Organizational Agility

Warner and Wäger (2019) examined dynamic capabilities for digital transformation and emphasized the importance of sensing, seizing, and transforming organizational capabilities. Their research suggests that organizations need continuous strategic renewal to respond to digital change. This perspective is relevant to smart management because digital managers need to identify technological opportunities, coordinate implementation, and modify organizational structures when necessary. Smart management frameworks can therefore contribute to organizational agility when they facilitate continuous learning and strategic adaptation.

Bharadwaj et al. (2013) discussed digital business strategy and emphasized the increasing integration of business strategy and information technology. Their work suggests that digital technologies should be considered part of organizational strategy rather than separate technical resources. Smart management frameworks similarly require close coordination between technology and management. Digital leadership can facilitate this integration by connecting technological investments with organizational priorities, customer requirements, operational capabilities, and long-term strategic objectives.

4. Research Methodology

4.1 Research Design

This study adopted a qualitative descriptive and conceptual research design to examine smart management frameworks for digital organizations. The research approach supported systematic examination of academic literature concerning digital transformation, artificial intelligence, data analytics, digital leadership, organizational agility, cloud computing, automation, digital platforms, and technology-enabled management.

The conceptual framework considered relationships among digital technologies, managers, employees, organizational processes, data, strategic decision-making, organizational performance, and governance mechanisms.

4.2 Data Collection

Secondary information was collected from peer-reviewed academic publications, scholarly books, management research, and established studies addressing digital organizations and technology-enabled management.

The data collection focused on:

- Digital transformation.
- Artificial intelligence.
- Big data analytics.
- Business intelligence.
- Cloud computing.
- Internet of Things.
- Digital platforms.
- Intelligent automation.
- Digital leadership.

- Organizational agility.
- Data governance.
- Workforce development.
- Strategic management.

4.3 Data Analysis

The collected literature was analyzed through thematic analysis. Major themes included intelligent decision-making, data-driven management, digital leadership, organizational agility, process automation, workforce coordination, technology integration, and strategic transformation.

Implementation challenges involving cybersecurity, privacy, employee skills, technological complexity, organizational resistance, governance, and system integration were also examined.

5. Analysis

5.1 Technologies Supporting Smart Management

Smart management frameworks depend on multiple technologies that enable organizations to collect, process, analyze, and communicate information. Artificial intelligence can support prediction and intelligent analysis, while big data analytics can identify organizational patterns. Cloud computing provides scalable technological infrastructure, and IoT enables connected monitoring.

Digital platforms support collaboration, while automation can reduce repetitive activities. Business intelligence tools can provide managers with performance information for planning and evaluation. The integration of these technologies can strengthen organizational responsiveness and support information-based management.

Table 1: Major Technologies Supporting Smart Management

Technology	Management Function	Organizational Application
Artificial Intelligence	Intelligent analysis	Decision support
Big Data Analytics	Data interpretation	Strategic planning
Cloud Computing	Resource accessibility	Digital operations
Internet of Things	Connected monitoring	Operational management
Digital Platforms	Collaboration	Team coordination
Automation	Process execution	Workflow management
Business Intelligence	Performance analysis	Management reporting
Machine Learning	Prediction	Demand forecasting
Mobile Technologies	Accessibility	Workforce coordination
Cybersecurity	Protection	Information security

The table demonstrates that smart management requires complementary technological capabilities. Artificial intelligence supports intelligent analysis, while big data analytics facilitates information interpretation.

Cloud computing provides accessible infrastructure, and IoT enables connected operational monitoring. Digital platforms can support team coordination, while automation facilitates workflow management. Business intelligence provides performance information, and machine learning can support forecasting. Mobile technologies facilitate workforce accessibility, while cybersecurity protects organizational information and digital operations.

5.2 Applications of Smart Management Frameworks

Smart management frameworks can be applied across strategic planning, operations, workforce management, customer engagement, performance monitoring, resource allocation, and organizational communication. Data analytics can provide managers with information concerning organizational performance, while AI can support prediction and analytical decision-making.

Digital platforms can facilitate communication among employees and external stakeholders. Cloud technologies can support distributed work environments, and automation can streamline routine workflows. These applications can improve organizational coordination when technologies are integrated with appropriate management processes and employee capabilities.

Table 2: Smart Management Applications

Management Area	Digital Capability	Application
Strategic Planning	Data Analytics	Trend analysis
Operations	Automation	Workflow optimization
Workforce Management	Digital Platforms	Team coordination
Customer Management	AI Analytics	Customer insights
Performance Management	Business Intelligence	Performance monitoring
Resource Allocation	Predictive Analytics	Resource planning
Communication	Collaboration Platforms	Information sharing
Decision-Making	AI Systems	Decision support
Innovation	Digital Tools	Idea development
Risk Management	Analytics	Risk monitoring

The table indicates that smart management technologies can support diverse organizational functions. Data analytics can assist strategic trend analysis, while automation can support workflow optimization. Digital platforms facilitate team coordination, and AI analytics can provide customer insights. Business

intelligence contributes to performance monitoring, while predictive analytics supports resource planning.

Collaboration platforms facilitate information sharing, and AI systems can provide decision-support capabilities. Digital tools can support innovation, while analytics can contribute to organizational risk monitoring.

5.3 Organizational Contributions

Smart management frameworks can contribute to organizational agility, operational coordination, analytical decision-making, resource optimization, employee collaboration, and continuous improvement. Digital systems can provide managers with timely information, while automation can reduce repetitive administrative activities.

Data analytics can support performance evaluation and strategic planning. Digital platforms can facilitate collaboration across organizational boundaries and geographic locations. Nevertheless, organizational benefits depend on appropriate implementation, employee capabilities, data quality, technological integration, and governance. Smart management should therefore be considered an integrated organizational capability rather than simply a collection of digital tools.

Table 3: Organizational Contributions of Smart Management

Dimension	Smart Capability	Potential Contribution
Agility	Real-Time Analytics	Faster organizational response
Productivity	Automation	Process efficiency
Decision-Making	AI Analytics	Evidence-informed decisions
Collaboration	Digital Platforms	Improved coordination
Resource Management	Predictive Analytics	Better planning
Innovation	Digital Tools	Continuous development
Performance	Business Intelligence	Performance visibility
Workforce	Digital Systems	Flexible coordination
Risk Management	Intelligent Monitoring	Early identification
Strategy	Integrated Analytics	Strategic adaptation

The table shows that smart management can influence multiple organizational dimensions. Real-time analytics can support organizational responsiveness, while automation can improve process efficiency. AI analytics can provide information for decision-making, and digital platforms can strengthen collaboration. Predictive analytics can support resource planning, while digital tools can facilitate

innovation. Business intelligence can improve performance visibility, and digital systems can support flexible workforce coordination. Intelligent monitoring can contribute to early risk identification, while integrated analytics can support strategic adaptation.

6. Discussion

Smart management frameworks can strengthen digital organizations by integrating technological capabilities with organizational decision-making and operational processes. Artificial intelligence, data analytics, cloud computing, and digital platforms provide managers with tools for processing information and coordinating activities. These technologies can support faster responses to changing organizational conditions and provide information for planning and performance evaluation. However, technological availability alone does not establish effective management. Organizational structures, employee capabilities, leadership practices, data quality, and strategic alignment determine how successfully digital technologies are incorporated into everyday management processes.

Data-driven management represents a central component of smart organizational frameworks. Digital organizations can generate information through customer interactions, internal workflows, connected devices, financial activities, and employee systems. Analytical technologies can transform these data into information that supports resource allocation, performance monitoring, forecasting, and strategic planning. Managers can use these insights to identify organizational patterns and changing requirements. Nevertheless, data-driven management requires strong data governance, appropriate analytical skills, and careful interpretation because inaccurate, incomplete, or poorly contextualized information can affect organizational decisions.

Digital leadership is also important for successful smart management. Leaders need to understand technological capabilities while maintaining attention to organizational objectives, employee needs, customer expectations, and institutional requirements. Digital leadership can support experimentation, organizational learning, technology adoption, and strategic adaptation. Managers also need to establish appropriate responsibilities for digital systems and ensure that employees receive adequate training. Effective digital leadership therefore combines technological awareness with communication, organizational coordination, change management, and continuous learning rather than focusing exclusively on technological implementation.

Smart management frameworks can contribute to organizational agility by enabling organizations to monitor information, coordinate resources, and respond to emerging conditions. Automation can streamline repetitive processes, while cloud technologies can support flexible organizational operations. Digital collaboration platforms can facilitate communication among geographically distributed employees, and predictive analytics can support planning.

7. Challenges

7.1 Technology Integration and Infrastructure

Digital organizations often use multiple technological systems that need to exchange information and operate within interconnected environments. Legacy systems, incompatible platforms, infrastructure limitations, and technological complexity can make integration difficult.

Organizations should establish technology-integration strategies, scalable infrastructure, interoperability standards, and phased implementation processes. Appropriate planning can reduce disruption while allowing organizations to introduce smart technologies according to operational priorities and available resources.

7.2 Data Governance and Cybersecurity

Smart management frameworks depend heavily on organizational data, increasing the importance of privacy, cybersecurity, data quality, access management, and responsible information use.

Organizations should establish data-governance policies, access controls, encryption, authentication, monitoring mechanisms, and data-quality procedures. Regular security assessments and employee awareness programs can further strengthen protection of organizational information.

7.3 Workforce Skills and Organizational Resistance

Employees may face difficulties adapting to new digital systems because of skill gaps, limited technological experience, uncertainty concerning changing responsibilities, or resistance to organizational change.

Organizations should provide continuous training, digital-skills development, employee participation, and change-management programs. Involving employees in implementation processes can support understanding and facilitate adaptation to new technology-enabled management practices.

7.4 Governance and Strategic Alignment

Smart technologies can create governance challenges when organizational responsibilities, technology ownership, decision rights, and accountability mechanisms are unclear. Technology investments may also fail to produce organizational value when they are disconnected from strategic objectives.

Organizations should establish clear governance structures and connect digital initiatives with measurable organizational goals. Regular performance evaluation can help managers determine whether technology investments remain aligned with organizational priorities.

8. Future Research

Future research should examine smart management frameworks across different organizational sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, education, finance, retail, government, and professional services. Research could investigate the integration of artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, IoT, cloud computing, digital twins, intelligent automation, and collaborative platforms into management processes. Greater attention should also be given to digital leadership, employee adaptation, organizational learning, and the development of technology-enabled management capabilities.

Longitudinal and comparative studies could evaluate relationships among smart management adoption, organizational agility, productivity, innovation, employee collaboration, decision quality, and organizational resilience. Future research should also examine cybersecurity, data governance, explainable AI, workforce transformation, digital inclusion, and responsible technology management. Additional research could develop sector-specific smart management frameworks that balance

technological innovation with human expertise, strategic alignment, organizational sustainability, and responsible governance.

9. Conclusion

Smart management frameworks are becoming increasingly relevant to organizations operating within rapidly changing digital environments. Artificial intelligence, big data analytics, cloud computing, digital platforms, IoT, automation, and business intelligence provide organizations with capabilities for processing information, coordinating activities, and supporting managerial decisions. Data-driven management can provide managers with information concerning organizational performance, customers, resources, and emerging trends. Predictive analytics can support planning, while AI can contribute to analytical decision support. These capabilities can improve organizational responsiveness when data are reliable and appropriately interpreted.

Digital platforms and cloud technologies can support collaboration and flexible organizational operations. They can facilitate communication among geographically distributed employees and provide access to organizational resources. Automation can also streamline repetitive processes and allow employees to focus on activities requiring greater analytical and interpersonal involvement. Digital leadership is essential for integrating technology with organizational strategy. Managers need to understand technological capabilities while addressing employee requirements, customer expectations, organizational culture, and strategic priorities. Continuous workforce development can strengthen digital competencies and support successful technology adoption.

Cybersecurity and data governance remain important challenges for digital organizations. Smart management frameworks depend on organizational information, making data protection, access controls, privacy mechanisms, and responsible information management essential components of digital operations. Organizational resistance and technological complexity can also influence implementation. Employees may require training and support when new technologies change workflows and responsibilities. Change-management practices, employee participation, and continuous learning can facilitate adaptation.

Smart management should therefore be understood as an integrated organizational approach rather than a collection of individual technologies. Sustainable implementation requires coordination among technology, people, processes, strategy, governance, and organizational learning. Digital organizations can develop more adaptive and information-oriented management environments when emerging technologies are combined with responsible leadership, skilled employees, appropriate infrastructure, and continuous evaluation.

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