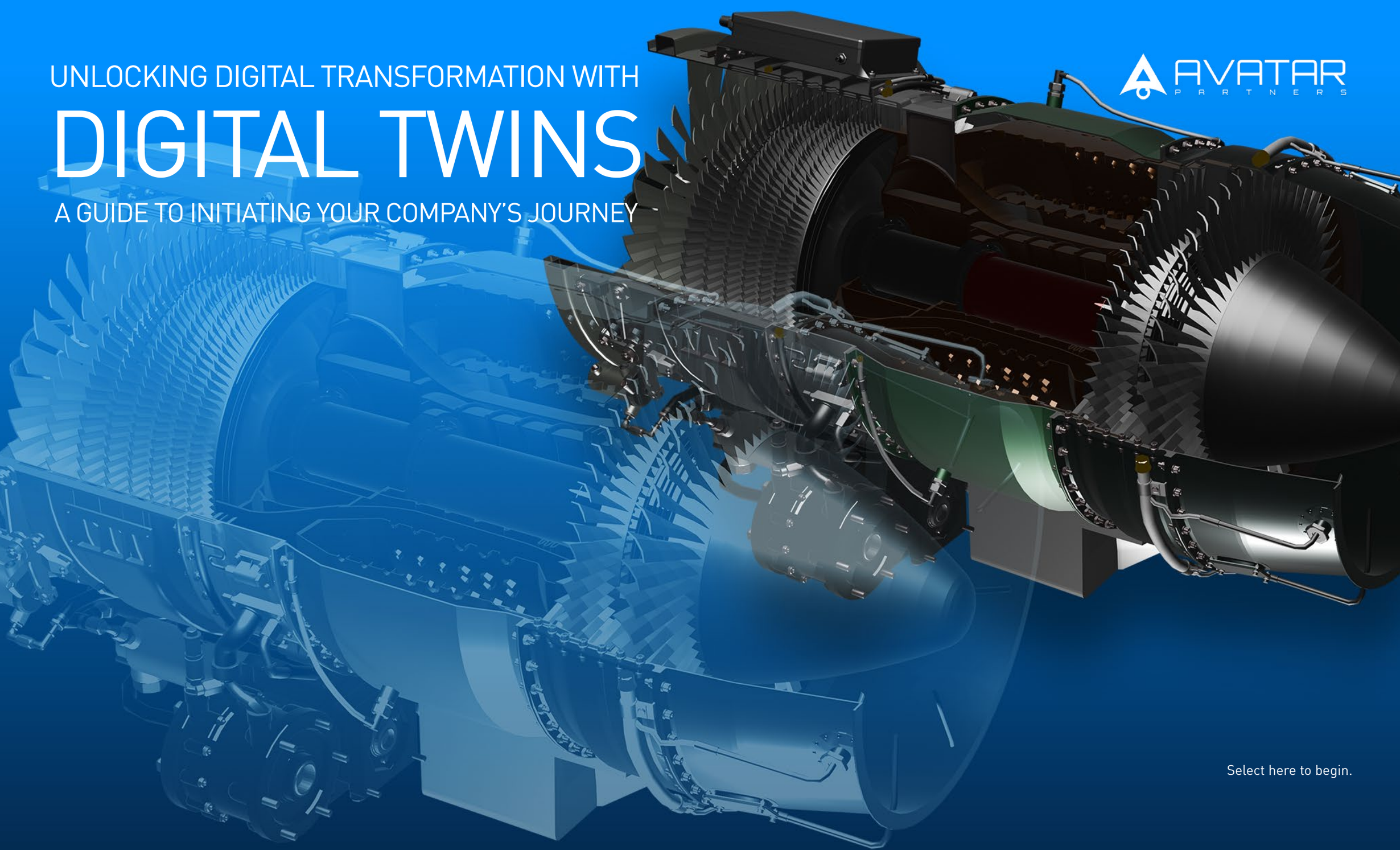
UNLOCKING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WITH

DIGITAL TWINS

A GUIDE TO INITIATING YOUR COMPANY'S JOURNEY



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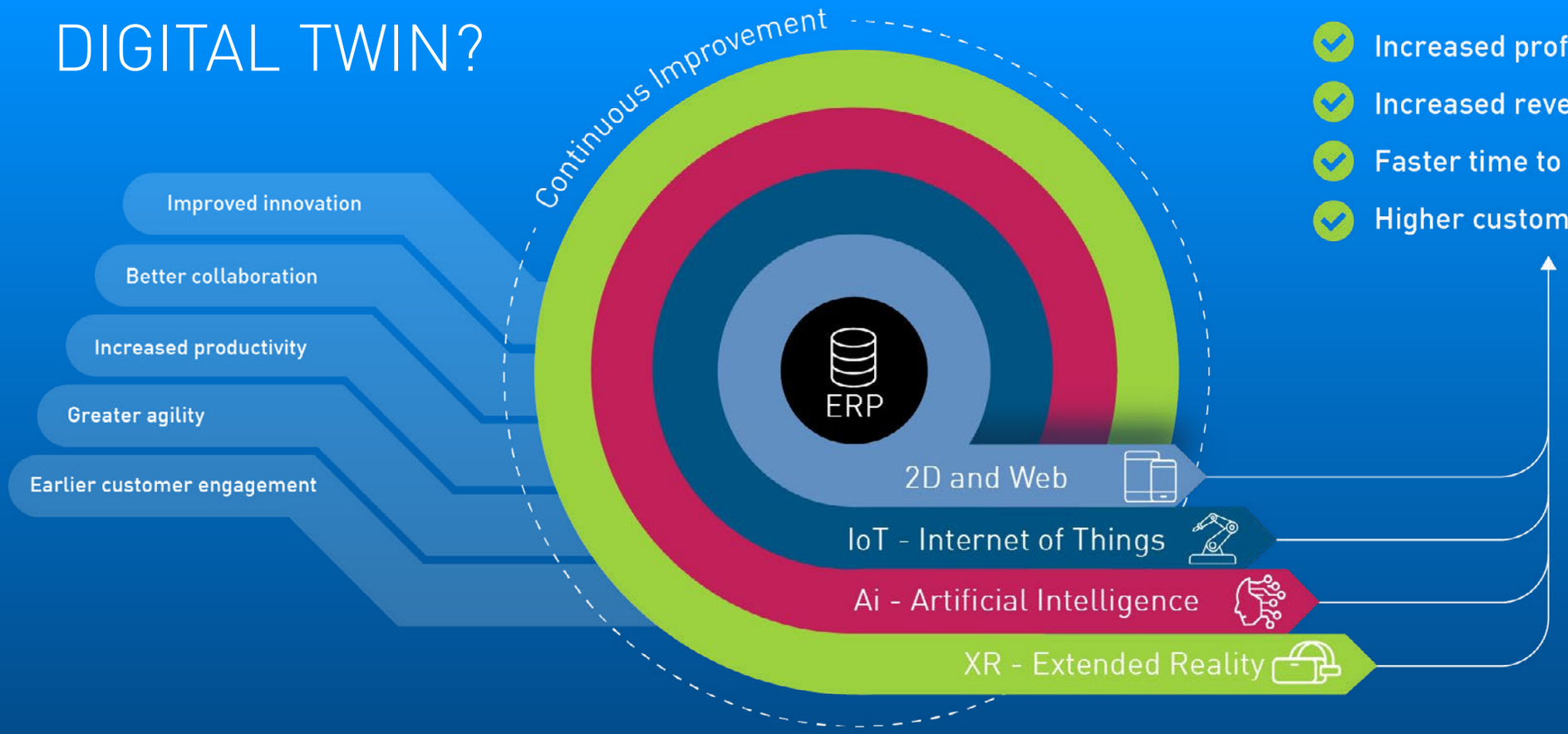
INTRODUCTION

If you ask 10 people about digital transformation, you're likely going to get 10 different answers depending on who you ask and what their industry is. Fundamentally, digital transformation is the process of integrating digital technologies into all aspects of business and improve how organizations operate and deliver value to customers. This applies to every division in a company, from sales to operations, through the entire product development life cycle and supply chain. Because it is a continuum - not something that is one and done – it requires well planned change management to continuously improve collaboration between customers, employees, partner and vendors. Digital transformation began to take hold in the 1990s as businesses adopted centralized database solutions such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems, shaping into ubiquitous adoption with the world wide web and internet. Today, digital transformation is evolving businesses through game-changing spatial computing technologies like digital twins, extended reality (XR) and AI: all aspects of Industry 4.0. Read on for the Roadmap!

WHAT IS A DIGITAL TWIN?



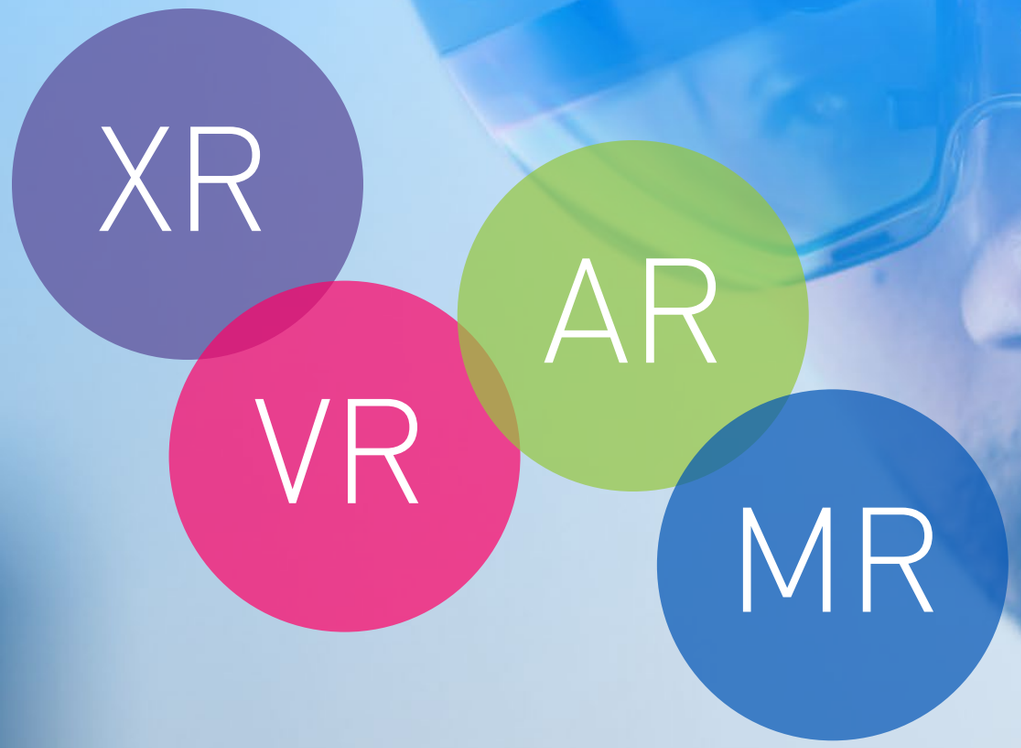
- Increased profit
- Increased revenues
- Faster time to market
- Higher customer satisfaction

According to the MarketsandMarkets report, the global digital twin market size is projected to grow from $10.1 billion in 2023 to $110.1 billion by 2028. This growth is specifically being driven by the demand for digital twins in healthcare and manufacturing, with North America owning the majority share of this growth. [1]

A Digital Twin is more than just a 3D model, it is a virtual replica of a physical asset, system or process that allows you to better understand, predict and optimize performance. It allows organizations to simulate the behavior, characteristics, and effectiveness of its real-world counterpart in a virtual environment to better predict and improve operations before implementation. This virtual model is created using data collected from sensors, IoT devices, and other sources in the physical world and the data is then analyzed to optimize operations, performance and drive innovation. In manufacturing, a digital twin can monitor physical assets in real time, substantially enhancing operational efficiencies in predictive maintenance, simulation and testing, product quality, training and safety, resource optimization, and product life cycle.

"In today's industries landscape, digital twins are emerging as indispensable tools for forging paths to success. From fostering intelligent collaboration to testing and predicting the success of groundbreaking ideas, digital twins are key to unlocking competitive advantages," - Silvia Piai Research Director, IDC Health Insights Europe, and co-lead of IDC's Industries Digital Twin Taskforce.

WHAT IS XR?



Mixed Reality (MR)

MR combines elements of both VR and AR to create experiences where digital objects interact with the real world and vice versa. MR systems use sensors and cameras to map the physical environment and overlay digital content that interacts with real-world objects and surfaces.

"XR is the eyes and ears of digital transformation. It reveals layers of unseen opportunity, establishing clear areas for market growth and a competitive edge for any organization."

Marlo Brooke
Founder & CEO AVATAR Holdings

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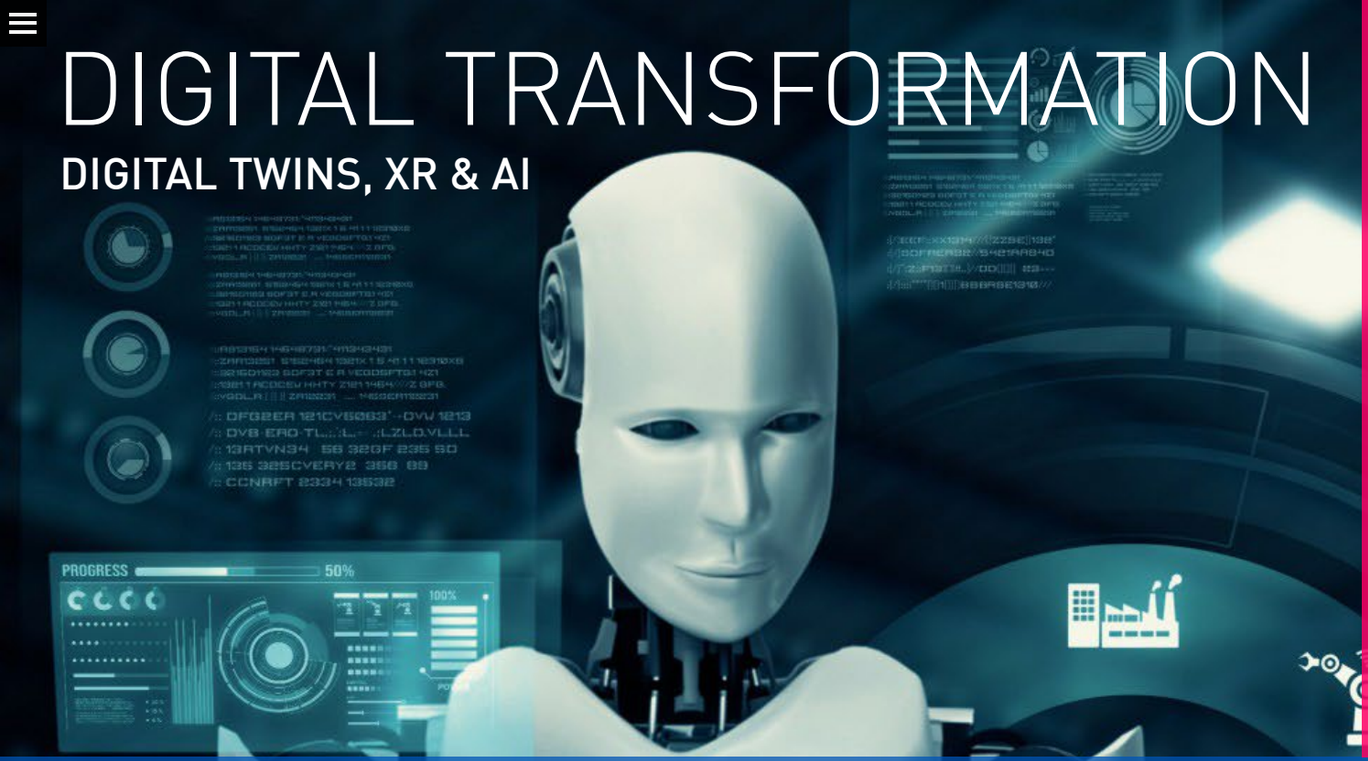
DIGITAL TWINS, XR & AI



"The impact of digital twins is set to expand significantly, with IDC forecasting that by 2027, 35% of G2000 companies will employ supply chain orchestration tools featuring digital twin capabilities, with the aim of boosting supply chain responsiveness by 15%".

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, digital twins, XR & AI are at the forefront of Industry 4.0 technologies that are delivering significant business value and enabling digital transformation at scale. Industries like manufacturing, healthcare and aerospace are transitioning from traditional practices to digital-first approaches. Here are some of the key benefits they are realizing:

Operational Efficiency: Increase productivity, reduce costs and improve ROI with optimized processes and workflows with digital twins and AI Analytics.

Predictive Maintenance: Reduce downtime, extend equipment lifespan, and minimize maintenance costs by predicting equipment failures before they occur, allowing organizations to schedule maintenance proactively. By combining AI with digital twins, organizations can monitor the performance of physical assets or processes, identify patterns, and anticipate potential issues before they occur. XR interfaces can then visualize these insights in immersive ways, enabling users to understand complex data more intuitively.

Training, and Job Execution: Increase productivity, employee retention and performance with MR software that act as combined immersive training experiences and job aids to reduce the time and resources required for training, while completing tasks more effectively. Enable employees to practice tasks, develop skills, and make decisions in a safe and controlled environment.

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DIGITAL TWINS, XR & AI

The integration of digital twins, XR, and AI empowers organizations to optimize their operations, improve employee productivity and safety and deliver better customer experiences.

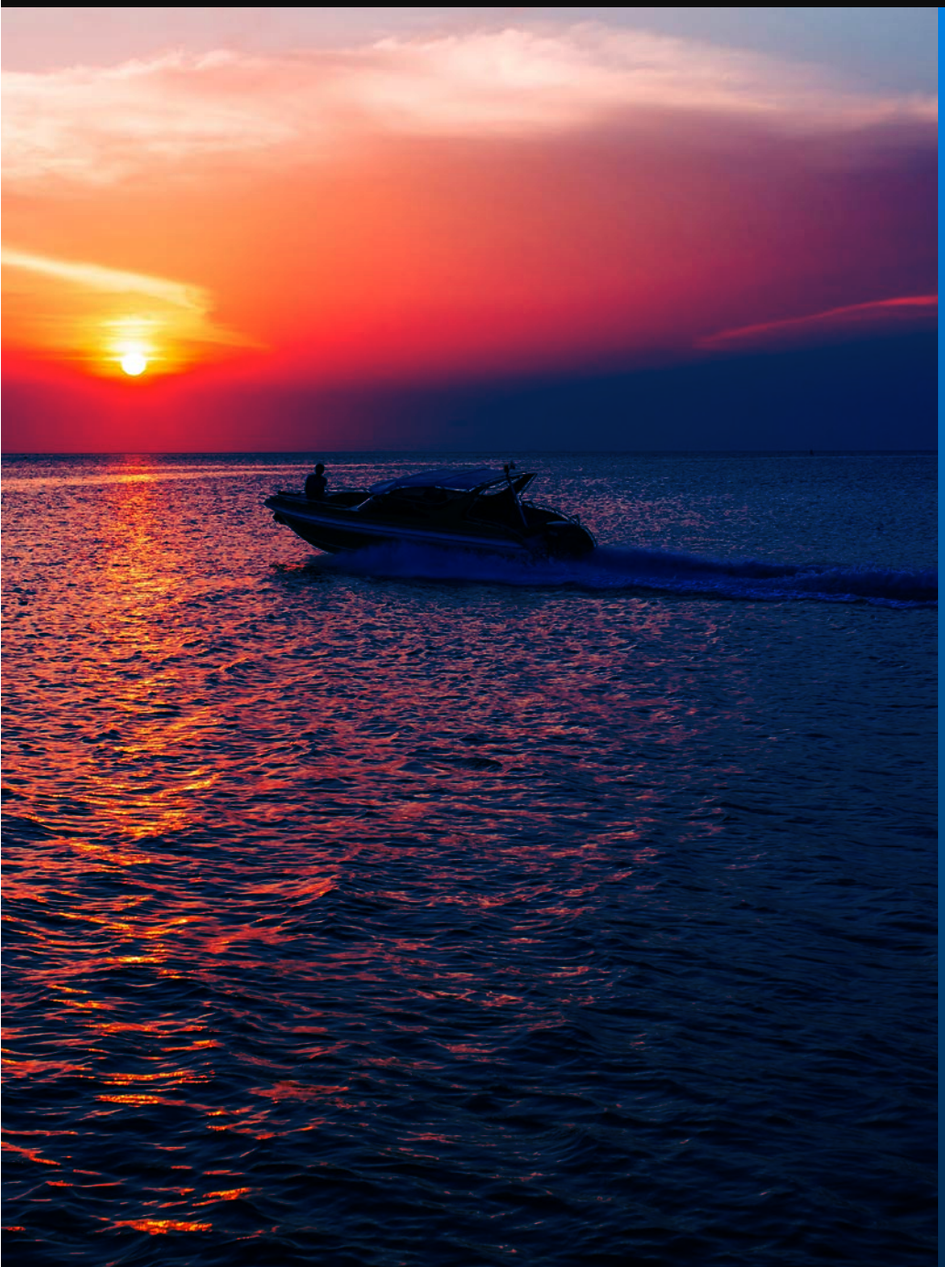
Safety and Risk Mitigation: Improve employee safety by simulating hazardous scenarios, predicting safety risks, and providing real-time monitoring and alerts. AI algorithms can identify patterns and predict potential safety issues before they occur.

Supply Chain Optimization: Reduce inventory costs, minimize stockouts, and improve delivery times by enhancing visibility and agility across the supply chain.

Remote Assistance and Collaboration: Improve efficiencies and reduce downtime with AI-powered digital twins augmented with XR to enable remote experts to provide guidance and support to onsite personnel.

"The software is very user friendly. It could be extremely beneficial across various career fields to enhance training as well as a basic understanding for new personnel ."

USE CASE: SHIP STABILITY TESTING



If you've ever been on a boat, you might have seen a placard that details the maximum weight or passenger capacity for a specific area. These placards are based on ship stability testing which involves understanding how weight distribution effects a vessels tilt or list. This is critical for both safety and regulatory compliance.

A ship stability test requires very specific measurements along with weight adjustments, using known weights of barrels and sandbags to create a measurement list. This testing requires some type of floating vessel and a variety of physical weights. New maritime inspectors generally don't get exposure to the many different types, sizes and configurations of vessels. They usually only get to test once on a small boat, then they have to apply that knowledge to a slew of other vessel configurations.

By creating a digital twin of a vessel, AVATAR Partners transformed a traditionally two-dimensional, disconnected, time-intensive, and manual process into a modern, efficient approach using Extended Reality (XR) and the HoloLens 2. This reduced overall training time in an immersive 3D environment and increased the speed of the inspection by using XR precision measurement tools and automated calculations.

USE CASE: ENHANCING AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS WITH ADVANCED NDT TECHNOLOGIES

The airline industry has recently faced challenges in both manufacturing and preventative maintenance. Ensuring structural integrity is crucial, and non-destructive testing (NDT) plays a vital role in preventing failures. Electromagnetic and ultrasonic tools are used for NDT to detect fatigue in aircraft equipment and other general applications.

AVATAR Partners was brought on to help with the inspection of bolt holes on aircraft panels with the goal of reducing errors, improving inspection time and upleveling training. Metal has a tendency to bend back and forth, and inspecting those microscopic cracks before there is a resulting failure is critical.

A traditional bolt hole inspection involves aiming a spinning magnetic probe inside the hole while simultaneously monitoring an oscilloscope-like screen to detect defects such as cracks or burrs. Once an inspection is complete, it is marked with a grease pencil.

We started with a digital twin of the Olympus Nortec 600 device, which is an NDT device commonly used in aviation for eddy current testing. We developed a 3D interactive training model on both electromagnetic and ultrasonic concepts to reduce errors and inspection time. By using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to automatically recognize and label bolt holes, we streamlined the identification and inspection process. Casting the Olympus Nortec 600 screen in real-time to the HoloLens 2 enabled inspectors to control the device directly from the HoloLens, increasing efficiencies. We also used the Internet of Things (IoT) to photograph and characterize each bolt hole as a pass or fail, eliminating the need for the grease pencil.

By leveraging Digital Twins, XR, AI and IoT, organizations can be more agile and significantly improve safety, efficiencies and reliability. This approach not only enhances training and operational processes but also supports organizations in their digital transformation efforts, ensuring they remain competitive and capable of meeting rigorous safety standards.

USE CASE: EMPOWERING RELIABILITY: DIGITAL TWINS IN ELECTRICAL GRID MANAGEMENT

In the scorching heat of an Arizona summer, uninterrupted power is not just a luxury; it's a necessity. That's why utilities companies are increasingly turning to Digital Twins of electrical grids to bolster their operations. Through the power of Digital Twins, utility companies can model the potential impact of severe weather events on grids, preempting disruptions before they occur.

AVATAR Partners spearheaded this initiative by constructing a Digital Twin of the electrical grid and integrating IoT sensors. These sensors provided real-time data from various points across the utility network, facilitating continuous monitoring and preemptive issue detection. By simulating various scenarios, power companies can proactively reroute power, manage loads, and swiftly respond to restore power in the event of an outage.

With Digital Twins utilities companies are enabled to optimize operations, reliability, cost savings, and customer satisfaction.

GETTING STARTED

Adopting and implementing a Digital Twins, XR, and AI digital transformation strategy requires careful planning and execution.

BUILD SUPPORT:

Gaining buy-in and building support from key stakeholders is crucial for the success of any digital transformation initiative.

ASSESS CURRENT STATE AND DEFINE GOALS:

Understand your current business processes, technology infrastructure, and pain points. Identify specific goals you want to achieve through digital transformation, such as improving operational efficiencies, enhancing customer experiences, or optimizing product development cycles.

IDENTIFY USE CASES FOR DIGITAL TWINS, XR, AND AI:

Explore potential use cases where digital twins, XR technologies, and AI can bring value to your organization. This could include predictive maintenance using digital twins, immersive training with XR, or AI-driven analytics for decision-making.

DEMONSTRATE A PROOF OF CONCEPT (POC):

Provide tangible examples or a POC to illustrate the potential of digital transformation. This could include pilot projects, case studies, or success stories from similar organizations.

BUILD DIGITAL TWINS:

Develop digital replicas of physical assets, processes, or systems using IoT sensors, data analytics, and modeling techniques. Ensure that your digital twins capture real-time data and provide insights into performance, behavior, and potential issues.

INTEGRATE XR TECHNOLOGIES:

Implement XR solutions such as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) to enhance visualization, collaboration, and training. For example, use VR for immersive design reviews or AR for remote assistance and maintenance tasks.

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APPLY AI AND ANALYTICS:

Utilize AI algorithms and analytics to extract insights from Digital Twin data and XR experiences. AI can help in predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, optimization, and personalization.

ENSURE DATA SECURITY AND PRIVACY:

Implement robust security measures to protect sensitive data collected from digital twins and XR devices. Comply with relevant regulations such as GDPR, GCC High Security or CCPA to safeguard privacy.

EMPLOYEE AND STAKEHOLDER TRAINING:

Provide training and support to employees and stakeholders on using digital twins, XR technologies, and AI tools effectively. Encourage adoption by demonstrating the benefits and offering continuous learning opportunities. Be patient and understand that this is a culture shift and will take time.

ITERATE AND IMPROVE:

Continuously monitor the performance of digital twins, XR applications, and AI algorithms. Collect feedback from users and stakeholders to identify areas for improvement and iterate on the digital transformation strategy accordingly.

SCALE:

Gradually scale the deployment of digital twins, XR, and AI solutions across different departments and business units. Foster a culture of innovation and collaboration to drive adoption and maximize the impact of digital transformation efforts.

COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS AND ECOSYSTEM:

Collaborate with technology vendors, industry partners, and academic institutions to access expertise, resources, and best practices in implementing digital twins, XR, and AI solutions. Leverage ecosystem partnerships to accelerate innovation and address complex challenges.

ABOUT AVATAR PARTNERS

Founded in 2003, AVATAR Partners is a woman-owned enterprise that provides integrated digital transformation software to improve profit, performance and safety in heavy industry and defense. Our SaaS and on-prem platforms feature an AI-driven, no-code, platform agnostic XR authoring suite that integrates seamlessly with IoT and digital twins, supports remote assistance, and delivers valuable user analytics. We've successfully deployed hundreds of immersive learning and operational use cases. Our comprehensive end-to-end professional services and partner network is dedicated to optimizing every stage of your product lifecycle, from design and manufacturing to training and maintenance. Our portfolio features 10 AI and XR patents, which are AI-enabled, IMRSA compliant, hardware agnostic, and scalable. Our mission is to empower organizations to leverage technology to enhance efficiencies and improve safety through digital transformation, addressing critical challenges and accelerating time to market.

Keola Ramirez for the US Navy

"Working with AVATAR Partners was an extremely successful endeavor. Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division (NSWC PHD) Personnel learned so much about the Augmented Reality (AR) development process with AVATAR Partner's help. With this newfound knowledge, AVATAR Partner's assistance, and their 'simpleAR' application, NSWC PHD was able to create a AR training application for the Common Display System. NSWC PHD hopes to continue a successful working relationship with AVATAR Partners as the Navy continues its push towards AR content."

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