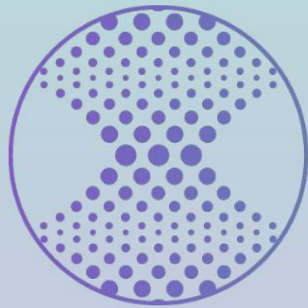


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Digital Governments: Transforming the Public Administration for the Future

WHY IS THE IMPORTANCE OF A DIGITAL GOVERNMENT?

In an increasingly connected and technologically advanced world, digital transformation has become a prevailing need for governments around the globe. A digital government not only refers to the use of information technologies to carry out government functions, but represents a complete reinvention of how the government interacts with citizens and manages resources and services. Digitalization promises to make public administration more efficient, transparent and accessible to all citizens.

However, the interest and need for digital governments has gained particular momentum in recent times, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The global health crisis has

highlighted the importance of having government systems that can operate effectively under any circumstances, ensuring that essential services continue to reach those who need them most without interruption. Thus, digital government is not only an advanced technological option, but a crucial part of the national resilience strategy and the continuous improvement of the population's quality of life.



KEY COMPONENTS OF A DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

1. INFRASTRUCTURE

ROBUST TECHNOLOGY:

- Networks and Connectivity:
Investment in infrastructure high speed and high availability that ensures continuous access to digital services.
- Platforms and Tools: Development or acquisition of secure and scalable platforms to manage government processes, data and interaction with citizens.

2. SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND DATA:

- Interoperability: Ease for different systems and applications to share data and resources efficiently, securely and coherently.
- Data Centralization:
Creation of central repositories that allow efficient and secure management of information, facilitating analysis and decisions based on data.

3. SECURITY AND PRIVACY OF THE DATA:

- Data Protection:
Implementation of robust security measures to protect information against unauthorized access, loss or theft.
- Regulatory Compliance: Ensure that all technologies and processes comply with local and international laws and regulations on data protection and privacy.

4. DIGITAL SERVICES

CITIZEN ORIENTED:

- User-centered design:
Development of services that meet the real needs of citizens, easy to use and accessible from various devices.
- Communication Channels
Multiple: Offer multiple forms of access to the services (e.g. websites, mobile apps, digital kiosks) to ensure inclusion.

5. OPEN GOVERNMENT AND PARTICIPATORY:

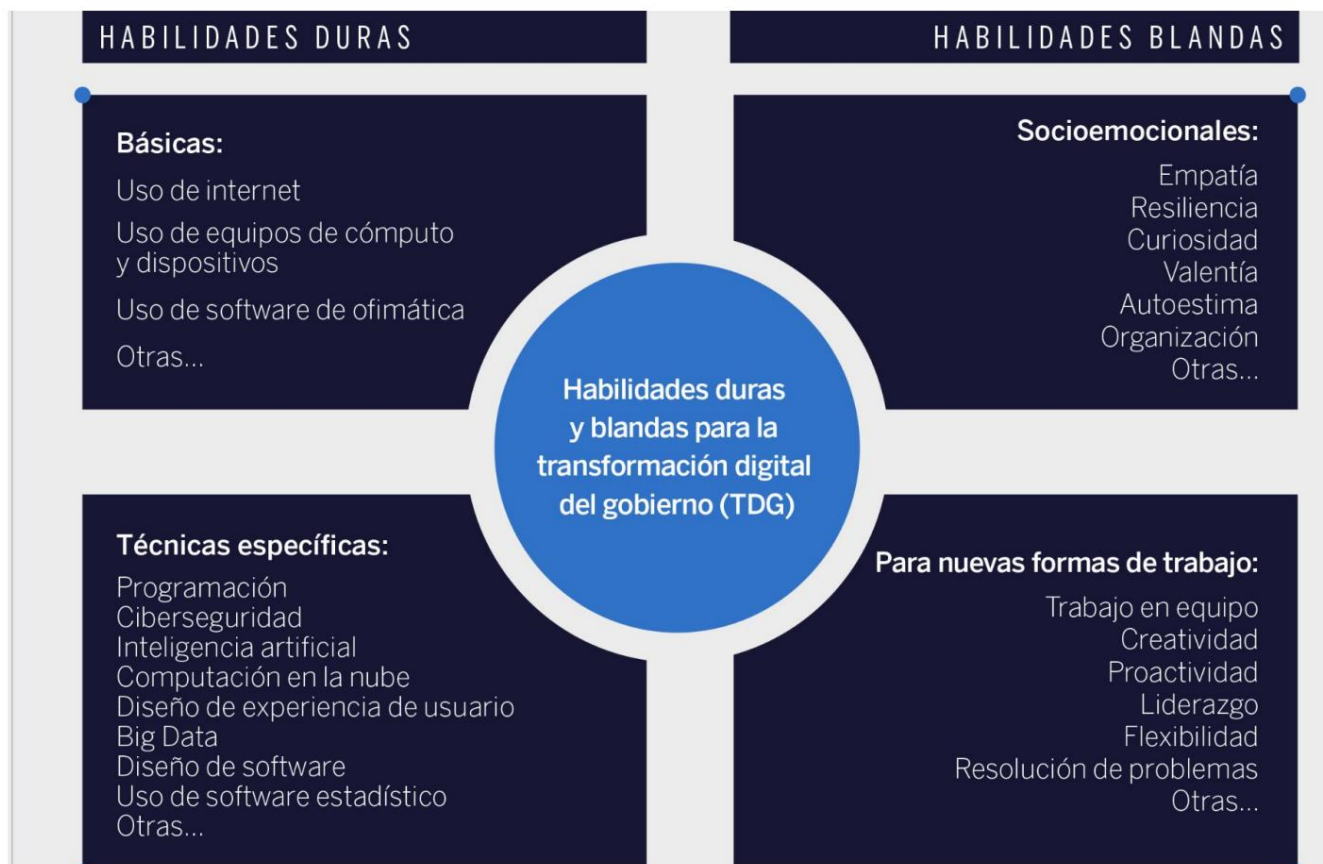
- Transparency: Tools and platforms that allow citizens to access government information quickly and easily.
- Citizen Participation:
Implementation of platforms that encourage citizen interaction and collaboration in the decision making.

6. TRAINING AND DIGITAL CULTURE:

- Continuous Training:
Training programs for government personnel in digital skills and use of new technologies.
- Cultural Change: Foster a organizational culture that embraces innovation and digital adaptation as the norm.



WHAT ARE THE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF GOVERNMENT (DTG)?



BENEFITS

Digitalization transforms the way public services are delivered and managed. Operational efficiency is markedly improved through process automation, accelerating government responses and reducing costs associated with manual operations. Digitalization increases government transparency, offering citizens unprecedented access to information and facilitating greater accountability. It also improves service quality, with continuous availability and accessibility from multiple platforms, ensuring that services are available at any time and from anywhere. Finally, it encourages more active citizen participation, allowing users to interact more directly and efficiently with their government.

CHALLENGES

The digital divide is one of the most significant obstacles, since not all citizens have equal access to the technology necessary to take advantage of digital services, which can generate inequalities. In addition, security risks are a constant concern, vulnerability to cyber attacks and the need to protect data privacy are critical points. Initial implementation and maintenance costs represent a considerable challenge, requiring significant investments. Finally, resistance to change within government organizations can impede the adoption of new technologies, requiring concerted efforts in training and cultural change to ensure a successful transition.



WHY SHOULD WE IMPLEMENT DIGITAL GOVERNMENTS IN MEXICO?

As we move into the digital age, transforming government services through technology becomes not just an opportunity, but a necessity. Digital governments offer promises of greater efficiency, improved access to services, and unprecedented transparency, which can revitalize trust and citizen participation in public administration. However, these benefits come with significant challenges that require meticulous attention and thoughtful strategies. The digital divide, information security, the costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of digital systems, as well as resistance to change within organizational structures, are obstacles that we must overcome together.

As part of this global community, your participation is crucial in the government digitalization process. We encourage you to actively engage in the conversation about how we can make our governments more inclusive, efficient and secure through digitalization. Participate in public debates, contribute your ideas through online forums, respond to government surveys, and collaborate in community initiatives that promote technological adaptation in public administration. If you have experiences or proposals on how to improve digital services, share them in the comments or through your social networks. When raising

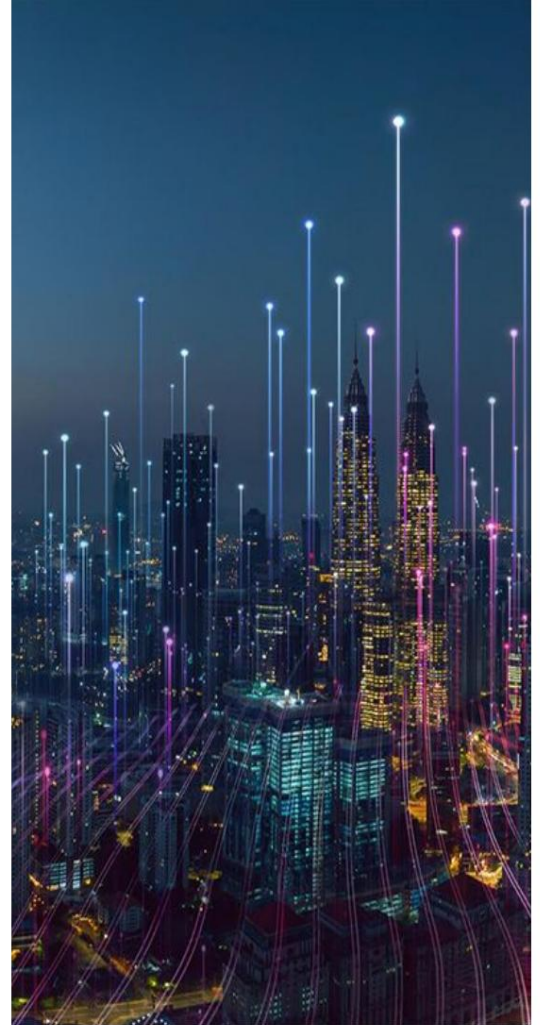
By using our voice and sharing our experiences, we can help shape policies that not only modernize government services, but also ensure that these changes equitably benefit all of society.

Together, we can contribute to a future where digital governments are not just a concept, but a reality that delivers tangible, positive results for all citizens. Are you ready to be part of this transformation? Your voice matters and your action is essential.

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By the beginning of 2024, estimates that 5.35 billion people globally have access to the Internet, representing around 66.2% of the world population. This growth, although slower than in previous years, suggests an increase in opportunities to expand and improve digital government services, especially in areas with high penetration.

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